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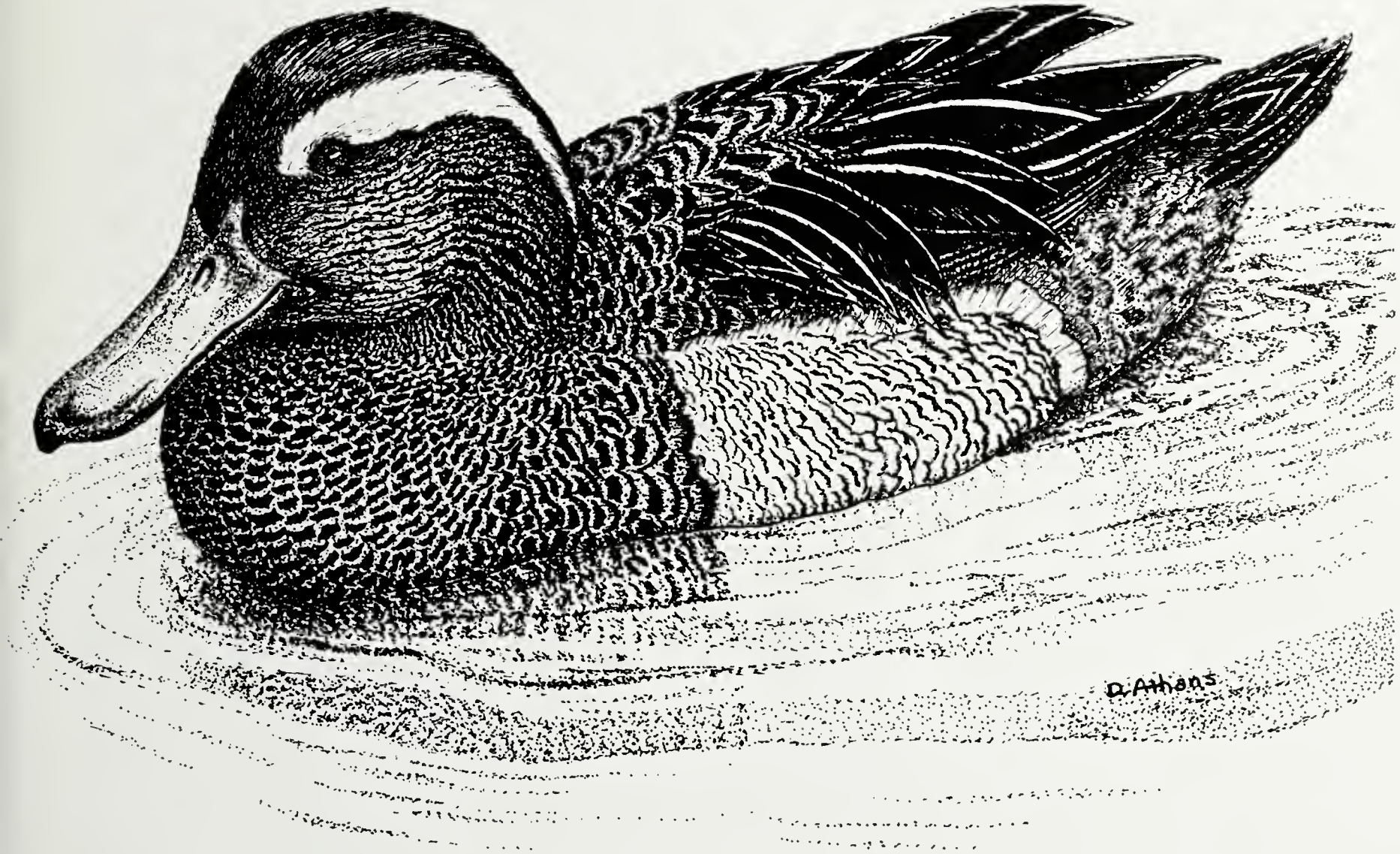

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President's Message

As I prepare this message Illinois state is experiencing an unseasonable early warm spell with record setting temperatures, which have triggered the start of the spring migration. Already several early arrivals have been noted. We are already anticipating the arrival of warblers and other neotropical migrants. I never cease to marvel at this annual event and hope I always will. I always ask myself — how and why do these remarkable birds make this long, arduous journey? Warblers normally weigh 15 grams (1/2 ounce) and require an additional 6-7 grams of fat as energy to cross the Gulf of Mexico. Not only do they need to store fuel for their flight, but they also need to time this flight and navigate a course to arrive on their breeding grounds when weather conditions are suitable and food resources are sufficient to rear and feed a brood. Crossing the Gulf is only one of the many hazards they face on their migration; they need to avoid predators and tall buildings or communication towers in their flight path. Increasingly their refueling stops once they cross the Gulf are becoming fuather apart due to conversion of forests and woodlands to other uses. Our knowledge of the migration stopover requirements of these species is poorly understood. It is estimated that with each gram of fat, a warbler-sized bird can fly about 120-130 miles. This fact raises other questions. How long do warblers forage to acquire that gram of fat? What food items are the most effective in replenishing the needed stored energy? How can we become better stewards and managers to meet migrants' needs? Obviously we need to provide secure breeding habitat in large blocks throughout their breeding range; we need to help other nations protect habitat used by native resident species and "our" North American migrants; we need to provide secure migration habitat along their migration routes.

How can we do this? One way is to support critically needed funding that will protect breeding and migration habitat. Currently the only funding proposal being considered is HR 701 The Conservation and Restoration Act. As you have heard me say before, your help is needed to ensure passage of this landmark-funding bill. If passed as it is now written, Illinois will receive some $59 million per year. Much of this money will be used to protect habitat that will benefit migratory birds and other native species of wildlife. It will also provide more recreation opportunities and birding places. Write your congressmen and senators seeking their support. If you need information contact me and I'll gladly bend your ear about this issue (847-695-8225; Email Rmontey@aol.com). Passage of this bill will set the stage for a continuation and expansion of conservation measures that were first started by Theodore Roosevelt at the start of the 20th century, when he set aside the first wildlife refuge in Florida. Until next time.

Bob Montgomery

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First Illinois and Regional Record of Gray Kingbird

by Dan Kassebaum

On 15 May 1999 my morning birding began at Hazlet State Park, Carlyle Lake, one of the largest man-made lakes in south central Illinois. This day I wanted to find some migrants I had not discovered on the state Spring Bird Count a week earlier. The first good omen of the day was an adult Mississippi Kite, since this is north of its typical southern Illinois habitat. My next stop was the White-tail Access for shorebirds, and unfortunately I found few shorebirds and just a few ducks. I returned to the town of Carlyle for lunch. On the way back I took Boulder Road; while driving, especially around the lake, I'm always checking the telephone lines for birds. On this day, I discovered an absolutely amazing rarity for a telephone line bird! I had just turned on to the Boulder Road and had driven less than a half mile when I spotted an unusual bird. My fragmented recollection, while in a moving vehicle, went something like this: there was this bird silhouette—on a phone line—bird on wire—kingbird—large bill—STOP! I stopped, set up my scope, and worked at this bird's identification. I couldn't believe my eyes—a Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*), in my scope! This kingbird was particularly cooperative, as are most kingbirds. This bird flew away, then returned. I recorded all my field notes without any disturbance from other cars.

The bird used the phone lines as well as the willows and cottonwoods that lined a nearby creek. It fed on dragonflies, and seemed oblivious to my presence. It made flights of 100 yards or more in pursuit of dragonflies, returning each time to the little wooded creek. Excellent size and

Gray Kingbird, 15 May 1999, Carlyle Lake. First State and Regional Record. Photo by Mike Seiffert.

plumage comparisons could also be made with a nearby Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) as both birds perched on the same telephone line. Knowing the importance of this rare bird, I had to make some decisions about co-verifying this extreme rarity. I left this magnificent bird to make phone calls. I drove to the Boulder campground to contact Mark and Mike Seiffert of Carlyle. They arrived, and luckily the bird was just where I had left it. Mike walked right under the bird on the wire and took two roles of film. Many other birders arrived the next day but, unfortunately, the kingbird was gone. Luckily, Mike's photographs were excellent, and they documented not only the first state record for Illinois, but also for the region. The Gray Kingbird is listed as casual on the east coast to Massachusetts in the seventh edition of the AOU check-list (1998) and has been known to accidentally wander up the east coast as far as New Brunswick and Novia Scotia. Precious few inland vagrant records exist. In the interior of the North America only four acceptable records exist: one from Michigan (McPeek 1994), and three records all from interior Ontario, Canada (Godfrey 1986; Speirs 1985). Interestingly, there's also a vagrant record for British Columbia (DeSante and Pyle 1986).

A color photograph of the Illinois Gray Kingbird record appears in the pictorial highlights of the 1999 North American bird spring migration (North American Birds 53: 342) taken by Mike Seiffert. The Gray Kingbird was the most remarkable vagrant and rarity to be added to the Carlyle Lake bird site list of 314 species not to mention being a first state and Middle-western Prairie region record.

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First Illinois Record of Tropical/Couch's Kingbird

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Tropical/Couch's Kingbird. First Illinois Record, 3 June 1999, Maeystown Road, Monroe County. Photo by Jim Malone.

On 3 June 1999 I had finished the school year, turned in the grades where I teach, and decided to drive and bird the levees in Monroe County. Most of the county lies in the Mississippi River floodplain. The few towns in the county sit on the bluffs, and the rest is wetlands. I had nearly completed my four-hour levee birding route, which yielded many egrets and herons. While driving on the Maeystown Road to Waterloo, I observed a kingbird with a very bright yellow belly.on a power-line over a sink-hole I hadn't planned on birding after school so I didn't have my scope. I was looking west into the late afternoon sun at a bird that was nearly impossible to identify by plumage. I expected a Western Kingbird, since this species has become quite regular for the area. Because I had seen so many Western Kingbirds in the past few years, I knew I was seeing one of the other "western type" kingbirds. The bird had a forked brownish tail rather than the black tail seen on Western Kingbird. This species had white edges to the outer tail feathers, which Western Kingbirds have. Dutifully, I wrote my field notes; then headed for a telephone. I made several calls, but could not reach anyone. I finally thought of contacting Jim and Charlene Malone of St. Louis, Missouri. Battling work traffic, the Malones were able to make their way out of St. Louis to Monroe County only to find me but no kingbird. I had been away for more than an hour making phone calls. However, we weren't ready to give up. We drove up and down all the adjacent roads, scanned every tree top, and hoped for our bird to suddenly appear. After an hour and a half we decided to call off our search. We were packed and leaving; I was driving in the lead and continued to scan the lines when I saw the bird about a quarter mile from the original site. I waved at the Malones. The bird was now at the farm of Peter A.Weber of Waterloo. I noticed Peter at his house and asked permission to enter his field. He allowed us access to his property to photograph the bird. Jim Malone took some nice shots of this bird with his camera. The setting sun was our biggest enemy. We were running out of time. Unfortunately the most important part of the observation didn't materialize. The bird did not call. Not being too familiar with this U.S. border/Mexican species I was unaware how important this was. Had the bird sung, the kingbird's identity would have been revealed.

The Tropical Kingbird wanders as a far-flung vagrant compared with the sedentary Couch's Kingbird, so the bird I saw probably was an overmigrant Tropical Kingbird, but without a positive voice identification the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee has conservatively accepted this species to the state checklist as a Tropical/Couch's Kingbird. The color photographs taken by the Malones are being examined at the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History, bird division staff and Mel Traylor, the ornithologist, whose study led to the splitting of these two species from Tropical into Tropical and Couch's Kingbirds (1979).

Mlodinow (1998) states the Tropical Kingbird status is "almost completely obfuscated by the Tropical-or-Couch's question." He notes there are about 40 eastern North America records of Tropical/Couch's Kingbirds from an era when these two species were considered conspecific; seven of these records have been identified as Tropical Kingbird and nine as Couch's Kingbird. The rest remain undetermined. Mlodinow lists the nearest Tropical Kingbird Middle-western record to Illinois for United States as an individual at Eagle Harbor, Keeweenaw County,

Michigan on 23 May 1997.

Without voice recordings, only in-hand measurements can secure a positive identification of either of the two species though subtle differences in plumage and bill length have been mentioned in the literature. The author's second look at a kingbird on a wire will hopefully urge other Illinois birders to look at all kingbirds in Illinois with greater attention.

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Purple Gallinule Invasion: Spring 1999

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The Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrula martinica*) is normally found in the southeastern United States, its range extending along the Gulf Coast of Texas to Florida and up the Atlantic coast to southern North Carolina. This species is also found in wetlands in the interior of east Texas, Louisiana, and up the Mississippi River flood plain to the southern tip of Illinois.

In the spring of 1999, Purple Gallinules were found outside of their normal range all across the eastern and central United States. Purple Gallinules have a history of occurring far outside of their normal range, but in 1999, they were more numerous and widespread than in most years. At least 38 extralimital records were reported from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and South Dakota. The South Dakota bird was a first state record (Wood 1999).

In May 1999 at least 13 Purple Gallinules occurred in Illinois, just shy of one-third of all the reportings of Purple Gallinules in Illinois' history. Even more astounding was the fact that many of them were reported in northern Illinois. Many Chicago area birders got to add this species to their state lists.

Purple Gallinule, 8 May 1999. Montrose Harbor, Chicago, IL. Photo by Tadas Birntis.

The first reported Purple Gallinule the spring 1999 season was a dead specimen found on 5 May in Flannigan in McLean County. This specimen is now at Illinois State University in Normal.

The northern Illinois records begin on 6 May when Jesse Stewart observed a Purple Gallinule in the backyard of M. Trapani in Highwood, Lake County. It remained there until 13 May. A video recording of this rare occurrence is on file with the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee.

On 7 May, a man walking his dog at Montrose Harbor in Chicago noticed a bird with huge yellow feet, a blue forehead, purple body, and white tail feathers. He told birders he saw something that looked like a purple chicken. Excited birders realized this was a Purple Gallinule. It was seen by many birders over the next three days.

A pair of Purple Gallinules occurred in extreme southern Illinois at Mermet Lake in Massac County on 9 May. They were seen there through June and July, but no nest

Purple Gallinule, 22 May 1999. Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rockford, IL. Photo by John McDaniel.

or young birds were reported. They were last seen in late July. Mermet Lake is the only place in Illinois where Purple Gallinules are known to have nested, although these nests have been infrequent. A successful nesting occurred there in 1998 (Bennett 1999). The only other confirmed Purple Gallinule nests were in 1963 and 1973 (Bohlen, 1989).

On 11 May 1999, Tim Gruner and the grounds crew at Anderson Gardens in Rockford, another northern Illinois location, discovered a Purple Gallinule. He notified Barbara Williams at the Burpee Natural History Museum for assistance with the identification. This bird remained at Anderson Gardens for two weeks and was last seen on 25 May.

The author discovered another Purple Gallinule on 12 May at Wilkinson Renwick Marsh, a De Kalb County forest preserve wetland. When it emerged from the cattails, several Red-winged Blackbirds mobbed it, and it retreated back into the cattails. It was last seen on 13 May. Searches later in May and in early June were unsuccessful. By late May the marsh vegetation had grown almost to its full height, making wading birds in any wetlands difficult to see.

On 15 May Myrna Deaton saw two Purple Gallinules at the Cox's Bridge Access area at Lake Carlyle in central Illinois. They were also seen again on 18 May.

Back in northern Illinois, Adam Reyburn and Jen Scharst reported a Purple Gallinule from 19-24 May in Lee County at the Richardson Wildlife Foundation. Carolyn Fields also found a Purple Gallinule at Ron Beese Park in Barrington, Cook County, on 26 May. A Purple Gallinule was also reported in late June, in Missouri at the Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, just across the Mississippi River from Alton, Illinois. On 27 June 1999, Charlene Malone discovered the Purple Gallinule walking on Wise Road at the demonstration area.

The Purple Gallinule flight of 1999 was unprecedented all across the east and Midwest, as well as in Illinois. Recent spring records for the state, besides those in 1999, are limited to a sighting on 1 May 1987 at Heron Pond Nature Preserve (Kleen 1987) and a specimen found on a golf course in Mundelein 10 April 1997 (Hurley 1997). A Purple Gallinule flight of note also occurred in late April and early May 1973. Four were found in northern and central Illinois between 17 April 17 and 6 May of that year. (Bohlen 1978)

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A Blast from the Past: Illinois' First Garganey

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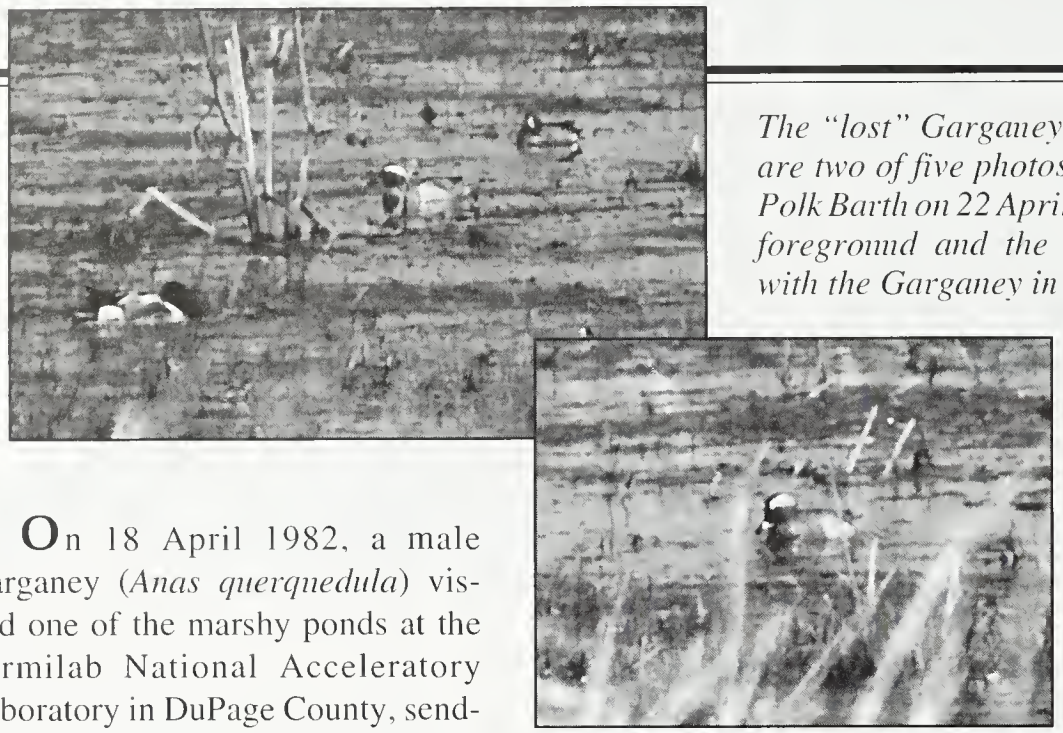

The "lost" Garganey photos have been refound. Shown here are two of five photos developed from slides taken by Janine Polk Barth on 22 April 1982. Note the Northern Shoveler in the foreground and the Blue-winged Teal in the background, with the Garganey in the middle.

On 18 April 1982, a male Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) visited one of the marshy ponds at the Fermilab National Acceleratory Laboratory in DuPage County, sending the Illinois birding community into a frenzy. Many birders observed this extraordinary bird over the next few days. The Garganey was last seen at Fermliab on Friday 23 April 1982 (Meadowlark 7:55).

Daniel Ludwig, Jim Landing, and Larry Balch provided the written details, and Janine Polk Barth took photographs; however as recently as the July 1998 meeting of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, no photographic record of the Garganey had yet been located.

Until now...

As the committee and I discussed the old Garganey record, I reminisced about the long-ago events of 22 April 1982. When I first learned about the Garganey on 19 April 1982, I was both exhilarated at the prospect of seeing the bird, and worried my my 17-year-old beater of a car would probably not survive the trip. I also knew I could only take off one day from work to search for the bird. I called a few downstate birders, but none of them were able to drive to Fermilab until the following weekend. I learned I could take a bus from my home to Geneva, Illinois, which was "only" a six mile walk to FermiLab. I decided to go.

To my good fortune, Janine Polk Barth, a former Champaign birder who had moved to Wisconsin, called to tell me she was going to look for the bird. We arranged to meet in Batavia, then drive over to FermiLab on 22 April 1982.

We found the adult male Garganey and watched it for quite a while with great delight.

At the recent IORC meeting, I tried to remember whether Janine had taken photographs that day, but couldn't. I decided to write her a letter in late August, and on 7 September 1998, I received a letter from her with five Garganey slides!

At first she thought she had not taken any photos, then she thought she might have, but gave them away. One day while looking for something else, she discovered a box of slides of the Garganey!

The long-awaited photographic documentation for this bird has finally been found, and the photos are published here for the first time.

The Garganey is a very rare vagrant in Illinois. This old World Duck has rarely been found in North America. A small teal, the Garganey has a wing patter similar to that of the Blue-winged Teal. Females of the two species are extremely difficult to differentiate.

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Garganey: Second State Record

by Daniel Williams

Monday, May 10, 1999 started innocently enough. Since I had a business meeting in Chicago at mid-morning, I had arranged to meet Sheryl De Vore at Montrose Harbor by 6:30 a.m. to look for the famously conspicuous Purple Gallinule that had been there over the weekend.

The gallinule displayed itself for us on schedule, and the meeting ended earlier than expected, so I decided to take the long road back to Rockford via Evanston, where some interesting gulls had been seen. I was fortunate to find both a Laughing and Franklin's Gull at the Northwestern

beach, so, assuming my luck had run out, I headed west to I-90 and my office.

As I cruised along I-90 and approached Illinois 47, I noticed a buteo circling near the exit ramp. It had the flight shape of a Swainson's, and, since that species nests nearby, I exited the toll road to take a look at it through my binoculars. My conscience wasn't nagging me too badly, so, after indulging myself with the Swainson's Hawk for five minutes, and since there is no westbound entrance ramp on to I-90 from Illinois 47, I had to take US 20 to continue toward. Since US 20 passed just north of Garden Prairie Slough, in southeast Boone County, I figured there would still be time to cruise past the wetland and check out any migrating shorebirds.

Garganey. 10 May 1999. Garden Prairie Slough, Boone County. Photo by Daniel Williams.

Garden Prairie Slough has produced some very good birds in the past, such as a March record of Black-necked Stilt (3/20/97) and 200 Franklin's Gulls (11/21/98). It's also a good spot to find Virginia Rails and Least Bitterns in migration. Until 1998, it also had a small population of nesting Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

At 2:30 p.m., as I was slowly working my way south along the road, I saw about 20 teal in and around a small pond on the east side. All of the birds I could view in profile were Blue-winged Teal, but then a bird that was approximately 100 feet away and swimming away from me turned its head. It displayed a broad white eyebrow that extended down the side of its head, and I knew that I was looking at a male Garganey (*Anas querquedula*). I stopped the car just as fast as the anti-lock brakes allowed, and gave the bird a very careful examination. Fortunately, it cooperated by stopping and idling around in circles in open water, where I had an unobstructed view. Using the car as a blind, I reached for my field notebook and started taking notes and making quick sketches.

I was looking at a small duck identical in size to the Blue-winged Teal with which it was sharing the pond. The large white stripe was on both sides of the head, and extended back from the eye, behind the ear, and down the side of the neck, where it tapered to a narrower point, stopping near the base of the neck, below the nape. The crown was dark, and the face was reddish-brown. The bill was black, and the eye dark. The bird's breast was dark, although lighter brown than the face, and speckled with fine black marks, appearing to be dots at that distance and magnification. The back was grayish brown, and long, finger-like tertials covered the speculum. The tertials were striped black and white. The breast, head, neck, and back contrasted sharply with pearl gray sides and flanks. At this point, the bird swam over to the edge of the pond and stood on the bank, showing off its dark legs and an off-white lower breast and belly. Later, through my scope, I could also see that the flanks had a faint gray barring. There were no bands on the legs.

At this point, I wrote off any hope of going back to the office, and I started making calls from my cell phone, starting with my wife, Barbara, who also runs the Rockford bird hotline from the Burpee Natural History Museum. Barbara got the local rare bird calling tree going and grabbed her car keys. She had never seen one of these before. I called everyone whose telephone number I could remember, which, fortunately, includes Rich Biss.

As I was waiting for the posse of birders to arrive, I quietly crept out of my car and set up my telescope. Taking a picture with a 600mm lens was out of the question at the distance, so I tried a technique which I had seen-taking a smaller lens, like a 55mm, and putting it against the eyepiece of a telescope. In this way, I was able to take some slide photographs of the bird which, when developed, represented a Garganey as seen through a pipe. After some inter-negatives were made and cropped, I was able to obtain enlargements that were diagnostic photos.

The Garganey remained for several days, allowing visiting birders to add a new species to their Illinois list, perhaps even their life list!

This is the state's second record for Garganey. The first was seen at Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (DuPage County) in May 1982. See previous article for details. Bohlen (1989) also lists this record. The Old World duck is rarely found in North America and most wild Garganeys probably arrive in the lower United States via western Alaska. Bohlen lists the Garganey as a rare, but regular visitor to the state.

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Male Painted Bunting Visits Bloomington Normal: Third State Record

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Painted Bunting, 20 May 1999. Bloomington, IL, McLean County. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

We (Sacha and Sheryl) had been planning to go birding for some time, but Sacha's busy college schedule left few blocks of time for our trip. We finally conceded we would have to plan an afternoon trip to a local park, and we accepted the fact that our mid-day start might decrease the diversity of birds we would view. We headed to Ewing Park in Bloomington, right after lunch on Wednesday 19 May 1999.

It was a beautiful afternoon, with temperatures in the mid-70s, light winds, and partly cloudy conditions.

As it turned out, it was a much better day for birding than we could have ever anticipated. We viewed a nice sampling of the usual suite of May migrants through McLean County, and we were both quite content with our accomplishments as we began to wind down for the afternoon. As we walked along the bark-covered path just west of the "Hedge Apple Woods" area of the park, we knew it was time to head back to campus. As we scanned the grassy patches and shrubby hedgerow along the path, Sacha spotted a bright bird that caught her attention. We were l quite a distance away from the bird, but we saw a red chest and contrasting darker wings that reminded us of a tanager. However, Sacha knew right away that this was not the correct diagnosis. We both pointed our binoculars toward the bird and realized we were in the presence of an adult male Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) in full breeding plumage.

The blue head and yellowish-green upper back clinched the identification. The bird's red eye ring was strikingly visible. The bunting was initially perched in a patch of short grasses and shrubs, but it then made a short flight to the bark-covered path and paraded around before us on the path for approximately five minutes. It remained silent, but we certainly did not need a vocal confirmation of this identification.

As we headed to the car, we excitedly talked about our find. We knew this was a very special bird to see in Illinois, because the checklist we carried that day failed to even mention the Painted Bunting. However, only when we returned to the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University and e-mailed Michael Retter did we begin to fully appreciate the significance of our find. It turns out that in 1993, Ann Minckler found the first confirmed Illinois record of this species at her feeder; this male bird in breeding plumage remained in Jackson County from 20-22 May (Gelman 1994). In addition, an immature male Painted Bunting was killed by flying into a window at McCormick Place in Chicago and was discovered by Willard and Stotz on 10 October 1996 (Willard and Stotz 1997). This first Illinois specimen record of the species now resides at the Field Museum. In other words, our sighting represents only the third confirmed sighting of the species in Illinois, and only the second live sighting.

Needless to say, Michael was very excited by our news, and he went later that day to view the bird. He made myriad phone calls and the locals, Dale Birkenholz, Todd Bugg, and Ed Mockford, all joined him. The first hour of searching was fruitless, but Dale finally refound the bird on the mulched path when it came to feed. The bird proved to be rather difficult to observe over the next three days, disappointing a few, but entertaining many. It tended to stay

hidden in the dense vegetation, but when it made an appearance, it definitely put on a show. On the morning of Saturday 22 May, the bird sat in a bare tree and slept for 15 minutes right over a bench, allowing up to 30 observers, including those not able to walk, to get splendid looks at it through Swarovski and Kowa scopes at 60x . . . and only about 20 feet away! At the time, it was estimated that over the four-day long known stay of the bird (19-22 May), at least 300 people came to see it. At least one observer remarked he heard the bird sing. The congregation of birders in the area helped produce some other locally rare birds, including Clay-colored Sparrow, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Connecticut and Mourning Warblers, and a Mississippi Kite. It is interesting to note that a dog-walker/birdwatcher said she spotted the bunting two weeks earlier, but didn't realize it was anything special; we do not know if this statement is valid. The appearance of this species in late May fits the pattern shown in adjacent states and is likely due to overshooting of the breeding grounds. This phenomenon was observed in many other species in spring 1999. Unfortunately, it was not determined whether the bird was from the eastern or western population, which is of particular interest since this species' two allopatric populations may be split into separate species in the future.

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The 1999 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

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The 1999 (28th annual) Spring Bird Count (which, for the third consecutive year, coincided with the International Migratory Bird Day Count), was held on Saturday, 8 May. Weather forecasts prior to count day projected a gloomy, perhaps even miserable, day, and had birders concerned. However, count day was not nearly as bad as the forecast and Illinois' intrepid counters went out and set several new records (identified in Tables 1,5, and 6).

Unlike the reasonably calm and mostly clear conditions throughout Illinois on last year's count day, the weather this year was highly variable. Predawn winds (more so in the north) made it difficult to "hoot up" the owls and to hear nocturnal migrants as they passed overhead. Daytime winds (reported mostly from the south to northwest, however, from the northeast in Lake County) ranged from less than 10 mph in the south to instances exceeding 20 mph in the north. Morning temperatures ranged from the upper 40s to low 50s statewide and reached highs in the upper 50s to low 60s in the north and upper 60s to mid 70s in the south. Skies were mostly clear all day in the south, partly cloudy all day in the middle and mostly cloudy to overcast throughout the day in the north. Mists and light showers were also reported in some central and northern counties, but nothing so serious as to interfere with the count.

Over the years it's been learned that the greatest species potential favors the northern counties; those conditions become even more favorable when count day occurs on or after 7 May. So, it's no surprise this year that of the 17 counties reporting 150 or more species (see TABLE 7 for details), 8 were in the north, 5 were in the central, and only 4 were in the south (and just one of these latter counties reported more than 160 species). Several counties this year achieved their highest ever species total (so, as we've often heard, "less-than-desirable" weather conditions can have a positive influence on birding results). Last year only 10 counties reported 150 species or more; this year 12 achieved 160 or more and Lake County (202) was the only county with 200 or more, 3 short of the state record (205, Lake County, 1983); this was only the 5th time any county has achieved 200 or more species.

FIGURE 1 (*see page 134*) provides a visual record of the county results showing the number of species and number of participants in each county. One of the most useful features of this Figure is that data for specific counties can be readily compared with data from other counties of interest to the reader. The Figure also helps identify those counties where more support might be needed, such as the two counties missing from this year's event.

Every year new records are established; 1999, like 1998, was at best, a mediocre year. TABLE 1 compares, for easy reference, 1999 data with that of 1998 & 1997 along with the record-setting year. Only two records appearing in this table were set in 1999, both were the average number of species reported per county.

TABLE 1 — Annual Comparisons

Criteria	1999	1998	1997	Highest Total
Number of Species	262	259	268	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	588,646	517,330	569,014	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	100	100	102	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1,479	1,495	1,611	1,611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2,287	2,257	2,620	2,628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	23,305	23,774	23,070	23,774 (1998)
Total Number of Party Miles	25,592	26,035	25,690	26,035 (1998)
Number of Party Hours Walked	3,218	2,969	3,457	3,457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1,932	2,140	2,050	2,140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	5,150	5,109	5,565	5,565 (1997)
Species in 90% or more Counties	54	49	49	55 (1996)
Counties with 100 or more Species	74	69	80	80 (1997)
Counties with 20 or more Observers	19	18	24	24 (1998)
Highest Species total in single county	202	180	194	**205** (1999)
Average # species/participating county	**122**	112	——	**122** (1999)
Average # species for all 102 counties	**120**	110	——	**120** (1999)

Species-wise, our 262 this year is just "average" — basically, in the middle between the best and poorest years. On the positive side, the 588,646 birds reported were only 5,000 short of the record set three years ago. 1986 & 1997 are still the only years in the count's 28-year history where you, the observers, achieved the annual goal of counting birds in all 102 counties; we were two counties short of achieving the goal this year. The total number of participating observers and number of miles walked were still low this year; however, the number of miles driven and total party miles were rather close to the records. The number of party hours (walked, driven and total) were also fairly close to the records. Perhaps the recent change in record-keeping for party hours and party miles for birding while bicycling, boating, sitting, fishing, feeder-watching, etc., has played a role in how the figures are now calculated and reported. The 54 species reported from 90 or more counties was only one short of the record and the 74 counties reporting 100 or more species was only six short of the record. At least two counties surpassed the 100 participant mark (Cook and Du Page) while another 17 counties fielded 20 or more participants (TABLE 2); it's great to have such excellent support and we hope it continues. It may come to pass that birders in counties with plenty of participants may feel restricted in their birding territories; should that ever occur, such observers would be welcomed as participants in more distant counties, especially in counties which often field 4 or fewer participants (check Figure 1). Finally, the two new calculations (initiated last year), average number of species per participating county and average number of species for all 102 counties, were: 122 and 120, respectively (exactly 10 species higher than last year).

TABLE 3 provides the usual comparison of birding effort in each quarter of the state (identified as AREAS 1, 2, 3 & 4 in FIGURE 1). The 1999 information shows that there was an average of 51.5 party hours per county this year (which is virtually the same as last year).

TABLE 4 identifies the 54 species reported from 90 or more counties (in other words, the species most commonly reported); only 13 species were reported from all 100 participating counties. It is possible that listed species such as the Red-tailed Hawk, the four listed species of woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Purple Martin, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Common Yellowthroat, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Meadowlark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch,

TABLE 2

Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	127	Winnebago	29
Du Page	111	Edgar	28
McDonough	59	Boone	26
McHenry	55	Pike	24
Lake	49	Jo Daviess	23
Schuyler	47	Knox	23
Will	44	Kendall	22
Kane	43	Iroquois	21
Champaign	38	Stephenson	21
Livingston	30		

TABLE 3

Area Coverage

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	23 (100%)	736	32.00
2	28	27 (96%)	888	32.89
3	27	26 (96%)	1258	48.38
4	24	24 (100%)	2268	94.50
TOTAL	102	100 (98%)	5150	51.50

TABLE 4
Species Reported from 90 or more Counties

Great Blue Heron	98	Blue Jay	100	Common Yellowthroat	98
Turkey Vulture	99	American Crow	100	Eastern Towhee	94
Canada Goose	98	Horned Lark	93	Chipping Sparrow	100
Wood Duck	94	Purple Martin	95	Field Sparrow	98
Mallard	95	Tree Swallow	95	Song Sparrow	99
Red-tailed Hawk	99	N. Rough-wg Swallow	90	Wht-throated Sparrow	90
American Kestrel	93	Barn Swallow	100	Wht-crowned Sparrow	95
Killdeer	100	Tufted Titmouse	97	Northern Cardinal	100
Rock Dove	100	Wht-breasted Nuthatch	94	Rose-breast Grosbeak	99
Mourning Dove	100	House Wren	96	Indigo Bunting	99
Chimney Swift	100	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	90	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Red-head Woodpecker	99	Eastern Bluebird	98	Eastern Meadowlark	99
Red-bell. Woodpecker	97	Wood Thrush	93	Common Grackle	100
Downy Woodpecker	98	American Robin	100	Brown-head Cowbird	99
Northern Flicker	97	Gray Catbird	98	Baltimore Oriole	99
Eastern Phoebe	92	Brown Thrasher	99	House Finch	97
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	100	American Goldfinch	99
Eastern Kingbird	98	Yellow-rump Warbler	94	House Sparrow	99

American Goldfinch, House Sparrow and, perhaps, others may also have been present in all 100 counties.

TABLE 5 identifies the 20 most common species and, as usual, the Red-winged Blackbird heads the list. This year there was an abundance of swallows–four species made the top 20 and three of the four established new record highs. The only other record highs were for the American Goldfinch and Indigo Bunting. The Barn and Tree swallows were common enough to move into the number 5 and 6 positions this year thereby dropping the House Sparrow and Canada Goose down to positions 7 & 8. The Bank Swallow was a surprise to the list having made the honor only one previous time, and then, just barely. The Canada Goose, as reported, is now only 1000 birds shy of being as common as the House Sparrow (last year the difference was 5000 birds) and is nearly 60% as common as the European Starling. Perhaps this goose will be more common than the House Sparrow next year. The Ring-billed Gull was once again in the top 10 ahead of such notably common species as the goldfinch, crow, dove, cardinal, Blue Jay, cowbird, and others. The Rock Dove continues to fall below the top 20 (and, as it turns out, ranked 25th this year). As you scan the numbers for each TABLE 5 species, most species will have similar numbers from year to year; however the erratic species will have inconsistent numbers from year to year (and may or may not be regulars in the top 20).

In contrast to being common or widely reported, 18 species were reported from only a single county and another 13 were found in only two counties (about normal each year). Those from a single county have been **bold-faced** in TABLE 6. Although it has appeared as an "exotic" species in TABLE 6 in years past, the Monk Parakeet has now achieved full acceptance and is printed in the regular table right after the Mourning Dove. With the formal addition of the Monk Parakeet, the composite list of Spring Bird Count Species now stands at 321. The remaining "exotics" are the Trumpeter Swan (which isn't really an exotic) and the Ringed Turtle-Dove. Some of the more noteworthy single occurrences this year were the Cinnamon Teal–7th year (Pike Co), Purple Gallinule–3rd year (Cook Co), Least Tern–6th year (Pulaski Co), and

TABLE 5 — Twenty Most Common Species

	1999	1998	1997	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	66,495	61,916	62,126	69,971 (1996)	28
Common Grackle	33,504	34,629	35,050	59,264 (1974)	28
European Starling	30,733	31,790	27,540	37,736 (1992)	28
American Robin	29,778	30,878	31,851	35,720 (1995)	28
Barn Swallow	**27,532**	9,745	10,664	**27,532 (1999)**	27
Tree Swallow	**23,942**	5,852	7,742	24,573 (1989)	14
House Sparrow	19,087	23,012	22,669	31,321 (1983)	28
Canada Goose	18,019	18,025	17,040	18,025 (1998)	14
Ring-billed Gull	16,855	16,405	9,973	29,243 (1994)	15
American Goldfinch	**16,236**	13,599	13,000	**16,236 (1999)**	27
American Crow	11,273	10,133	11,305	13,226 (1991)	28
Bank Swallow	**11,188**	3,936	3,262	**11,188 (1999)**	2
Mourning Dove	10,558	11,877	10,238	12,369 (1995)	28
Northern Cardinal	10,530	10,851	10,706	12,088 (1995)	28
Blue Jay	9,919	10,539	11,561	13,446 (1984)	28
Brown-headed Cowbird	9,858	9,055	8,968	12,542 (1995)	27
N. Rough-wing Swallow	8,980	3,216	4,585	**8,980 (1999)**	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8,624	7,332	17,978	17,978 (1997)	17
Chimney Swift	8,509	6,695	7,612	9,987 (1983)	25
Indigo Bunting	**7,714**	5,064	4,748	**7,714 (1999)**	9

New records in **bold face**

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher–3rd year (Monroe Co). Some of the species missed that might have been possible in 1999 were: Common Goldeneye, Black-necked Stilt, Short-eared Owl, Western Kingbird and Harris's Sparrow. It also seems that one of the ibis species should have been present somewhere.

Continuing TABLE 6, there were 92 new count records (identified by an asterisk in the Table); 37 species were reported from a greater number of counties than ever before; 32 species achieved a new count-day total number of birds; and 23 species were found in record numbers in a single county. In addition, there were 21 records which tied previous highs (identified by an # in the Table). The largest increases over previous years *for the number of counties reporting the species* were: Bald Eagle (from 19 to 24), Peregrine Falcon (from 9 to 14), Stilt Sandpiper (from 5 to 8), Acadian Flycatcher (from 42 to 48), Sedge Wren (from 24 to 32), Yellow-throated Vireo (from 66 to 72), Kentucky Warbler (from 54 to 62), Summer Tanager (from 45 to 56), and Henslow's Sparrow (from 10 to 15); *for the total number of birds reported* were: Least Bittern (from 11 to 16), Great Blue Heron (from 3850 to 4375), Great Egret (from 1213 to 1615), Snowy Egret (from 44 to 104), Hooded Merganser (from 71 to 100), Turkey Vulture (from 3236 to 3358), Mississippi Kite (from 34 to 42), Bald Eagle (from 55 to 61), Cooper's Hawk (from 163 to 182), Red- shouldered Hawk (from 83 to 91), Peregrine Falcon (from 10 to 22), Stilt Sandpiper (from 12 to 38), Barn Owl (from 2 to 5), Eastern Phoebe (from 1072 to 1123), Eastern Kingbird (from 3255 to 3589), No. Rough-winged Swallow(from 7924 to 8980), Bank Swallow (from 5464 to 11188), Cliff Swallow (from 3961 to 5761), Barn Swallow (from 18156 to 27532), Fish Crow (from 119 to 202), Sedge Wren (from 89 to 128), Swainson's Thrush (from 1593 to 1896), American Pipit (from 119 to 426), Warbling Vireo (from 1505 to 1661), Black-throated Green Warbler (from 1569 to 1606), Hooded Warbler (from 71 to 92), Indigo Bunting (from 7368 to 7714), White-crowned Sparrow (from 5106 to 6171 and American Goldfinch (from 13,788 to 16236); and *for the highest single county gain in birds reported* were: Snowy Egret (from 22 to 56), Stilt Sandpiper (from 6 to 21), Barn Owl (from 3 to 5), Least Flycatcher (from

TABLE 6:
Species Account for the 1999 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:
* = New Spring Bird Count High Total
# = Ties Spring Bird Count High Total
Species Reported from a Single County are in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Birds	High County	(Total)
Common Loon	18	35	Winnebago	(7)
Pied-billed Grebe	47	198	Cook	(22)
Homed Grebe	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Eared Grebe	2	2	Two counties	(1)
American White Pelican	10	118	Hancock	(40)
Double-crested Cormorant	64*	4239	Cook	(1032)
American Bittern	14	23	McHenry	(6)
Least Bittern	8*	16*	McHenry	(5)
Great Blue Heron	98	4375*	Lake	(391)
Great Egret	61*	1615*	Will	(404)
Snowy Egret	11	104*	St. Clair	*(56)
Little Blue Heron	23	144	St. Clair	(64)
Cattle Egret	46*	1002	St. Clair	(500)
Green Heron	80	611	Cook	(75)
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	17	933	Cook	(798)
Yel-crowned Night-Heron	9	18	Madison	(5)
Black Vulture	6	30	Union	(11)
Turkey Vulture	99	3358*	Pike	*(160)
Grtr.White-fronted Goose	3	5	Two counties	(2)
Snow Goose	9*	10	Stephenson	(2)
Canada Goose	98*	18019	Cook	(2073)
Mute Swan	21#	119	Lake	(41)
Wood Duck	94	2502	Cook	(173)
Gadwall	22	117	Clinton	(20)
American Wigeon	10	20	Lake	(6)
American Black Duck	4	11	Winnebago	(8)
Mallard	95#	7052	Du Page	(1041)
Blue-winged Teal	82	2323	Macon	(245)
Cinnamon Teal	1	1	Pike	(1)
Northern Shoveler	41	238	Mason	(27)
Northern Pintail	4	5	Lake	(2)
Green-winged Teal	17	55	Livingston	(12)
Canvasback	3	3	Three counties	(1)
Redhead	4	9	Lake	(4)
Ring-necked Duck	11	21	Lake	(4)
Greater Scaup	3	13	Lake	(11)
Lesser Scaup	27	331	Lake	(127)
Surf Scoter	1	1	Lake	(1)
Bufflehead	1	10	Lake	(10)
Hooded Merganser	23	100*	Morgan	(12)
Common Merganser	2	4	Will	(3)
Red-breasted Merganser	20	240	Cook	(117)
Ruddy Duck	20	98	McHenry	(23)
Osprey	25	48	Cook	*(6)
Mississippi Kite	6#	42*	Union	(18)
Bald Eagle	24*	61*	Union	(8)
Northern Harrier	35	81	Lake	(9)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	41	90	Two counties	(8)
Cooper's Hawk	46*	182*	Cook	(27)
Red-shouldered Hawk	26	91 *	Union	(13)
Broad-winged Hawk	22	57	Cook	(12)
Swainson's Hawk	2	4	Two counties	(2)
Red-tailed Hawk	99	1769	Du Page	(112)
American Kestrel	93*	633	Cook	(36)
Merlin	5 #	5#	Five counties	(1)
Peregrine Falcon	14*	22*	Two counties	*(4)
Gray Partridge	1	2	Whiteside	(2)
Ring-necked Pheasant	54	721	Champaign	(59)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2#	59	Jasper	(54)
Wild Turkey	68	498	Jo Daviess	(72)

146 to 220), Tree Swallow (from 5040 to 6218), Bank Swallow (from 2100 to 3010), American Pipit (from 53 to 203), Warbling Vireo (83 to 111), Blue-winged Warbler (54 to 67), Black-throated Blue Warbler (from 20 to 27), Hooded Warbler (from 24 to 32), Wilson's Warbler (46 to 59), Clay-colored Sparrow (from 10 to 26), and White-crowned Sparrow (1732 to 2222).

Where were the shorebirds? Why so few Semipalmated Plovers (67) and Upland Sandpipers (8)? Others seemed scarce as well.

In addition to the records above, single Brewster's Warblers (not included in these Count totals) were reported from both Cook and Winnebago counties.

Now for TABLE 7. Details in this table identify how much time and effort were spent throughout the state to count the birds. Without this information the results could not be analyzed in a meaningful way. The columns in TABLE 7 identify 1) the county; 2) the AREA of the state (1, 2, 3 or 4) in which the county occurs; 3) the number of species reported; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of birders in the county; 6) the number of birding parties in the county; 7) the beginning and ending time (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked by an asterisk); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the county compiler.

As you peruse this report you'll notice the species order is the same as the new Checklists and Field Cards (vultures follow storks and herons, shrikes and vireos follow flycatchers, cardinals and buntings follow sparrows, etc.) I realize it's difficult to accept the new species order, but, we'll all get used to it eventually.

TABLE 6: Species Account , continued

Species	Co.s	Birds	Hi gh County	(Total)
Northern Bobwhite	74	809	Union	(47)
Yellow Rail	2	2	Two counties	(1)
King Rail	3	4	Winnebago	(2)
Virginia Rail	18	65	Rock Island	(11)
Sora	42	507	DuPage	(75)
Purple Gallinule	1#		I# Cook	#(1)
Common Moorhen	9	20	Two counties	(6)
American Coot	65	1721	Cook	(140)
Sandhill Crane	9	127	Lake	(68)
Black-bellied Plover	9	43	Boone	(25)
American Golden-Plover	17	4267	Edgar	(1524)
Semipalmated Plover	21	67	Pope	(17)
Killdeer	100	3775	Du Page	(133)
Greater Yellowlegs	47	369	Lake	(48)
Lesser Yellowlegs	68	2004	Will	(319)
Solitary Sandpiper	67	784	Lake	(113)
Willet	9	33	Cook	(13)
Spotted Sandpiper	82*	996	Cook	(109)
Upland Sandpiper	5	8	Three counties	(2)
Ruddy Turnstone	1	1	Clinton	(1)
Sanderling	2	32	Lake	(30)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	27	221	Mason	(48)
Western Sandpiper	2	10	Jasper	(7)
Least Sandpiper	57	1551	Clinton	(226)
White-rumped Sandpiper	10	25	Clinton	(14)
Baird's Sandpiper	1	2	Knox	(2)
Pectoral Sandpiper	42	1101	Jasper	(220)
Dunlin	19	224	Clinton	(144)
Stilt Sandpiper	8*	38*	Clinton	*(21)
Short-billed Dowitcher	28	157	Greene	(20)
Long-billed Dowitcher	4	9	Macon	(4)
Common Snipe	38	120	Du Page	(15)
American Woodcock	30	142	Lake	(26)
Wilson's Phalarope	19	55	Two counties	(6)
Laughing Gull	1	2	Franklin	(2)
Franklin's Gull	1	1	Winnebago	(1)
Bonaparte's Gull	6	313	Lake	(265)
Ring-billed Gull	46	16855	Cook	(13934)
Herring Gull	13	174	Cook	(90)
Thayer's Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
Glaucous Gull	1	1	Madison	(1)
Caspian Tern	11	436	Lake	(270)
Common Tern	11	676	Lake	(643)
Forster's Tern	17	616	Lake	(458)
Least Tern	1#	1	Pulaski	(1)
Black Tern	15	88	Lake	(34)
Rock Dove	100*	5122	Cook	(606)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3*	15	Effingham	*(12)
Mouming Dove	100	10558	Du Page	(463)
Monk Parakeet	2#	31	Cook	(29)
Black-billed Cuckoo	26	48	Hamilton	(7)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	67	448	Union	(68)
Barn Owl	1	5*	Union	*(5)
Eastern Screech-Owl	36	103	Union	(15)
Great Horned Owl	74	297	Two counties	(24)
Barred Owl	79	353	Union	(34)
Common Nighthawk	59	293	Richland	(21)
Chuck-will's-widow	12	54*	Hamilton	(12)
Whip-poor-will	63	468	Union	(76)
Chimney Swift	100#	8509	Cook	(589)
Ruby-thr'td Hummingbird	88*	853	Calhoun	(68)
Belted Kingfisher	79	406	Two counties	(25)
Red-headed Woodpecker	99	2148	Pike	(135)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	97	2445	Cook	(114)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11	25	Cook	(12)
Downy Woodpecker	98	2042	Cook	(151)
Hairy Woodpecker	81	422	Cook	(30)
Northern Flicker	97	2007	Cook	(204)
Pileated Woodpecker	58#	276	Union	(52)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	13	17	Four counties	(2)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	83	889	Union	(149)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	7	8	Union	(2)
Acadian Flycatcher	48*	354	Union	(141)
Alder Flycatcher	1	1	Massac	(1)
Willow Flycatcher	25	63	Cook	(16)
Least Flycatcher	63	656*	Cook	*(220)
Eastern Phoebe	92#	1123*	Union	(63)
Great Crested Flycatcher	92*	1318	Union	(99)
Eastern Kingbird	98	3589*	Pipe	(212)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1#	1#	Monroe	#(1)

TABLE 6: Species Account for the 1999 Spring Bird Count, *continued*

Species	Co.s	Birds	Hi gh County	(Total)
Loggerhead Shrike	28	99	Jasper	(17)
White-eyed Vireo	66*	532	Union	(149)
Bell's Vireo	27	49	Jasper	(7)
Yellow-throated Vireo	72*	416	Union	(53)
Blue-headed Vireo	39	212	Cook	(52)
Warbling Vireo	88*	1661 *	Union	*(111)
Philadelphia Vireo	29	67	Union	(11)
Red-eyed Vireo	88*	1223	Union	(207)
Blue Jay	100	9919	Cook	(706)
American Crow	100	11273	Cook	(1106)
Fish Crow	11#	202*	Union	*(68)
Homed Lark	93	1894	Effingham	(127)
Purple Martin	95*	3552	Calhoun	(252)
Tree Swallow	95*	23942	Mason	*(6218)
No. Rough-wing Swallow	90	8980*	McHenry	(587)
Bank Swallow	74	11188*	Carroll	*(3010)
Cliff Swallow	64*	5761*	Clay	(1002)
Bam Swallow	100	27532*	McLean	(2805)
Black-capped Chickadee	64	3524	Du Page	(429)
Carolina Chickadee	37	855	Union	(92)
Tufted Titmouse	97	2531	McDonough	(140)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	6	Six counties	(1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	94	1380	Winnebago	(114)
Brown Creeper	33	72	Cook	(9)
Carolina Wren	77	709	Union	(100)
House Wren	96	4914	Cook	(314)
Winter Wren	4	7	Lake	(3)
Sedge Wren	32*	128*	Clinton	(15)
Marsh Wren	29	147	Winnebago	(34)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	3	Cook	(3)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	60	1012	Cook	(337)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	90*	2353	Union	(246)
Eastern Bluebird	98	2532	McDonough	(151)
Veery	60	347	Cook	(75)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	61	345	Union	(112)
Swainson's Thrush	89*	1896*	Cook	(356)
Hermit Thrush	31	116	Cook	(27)
Wood Thrush	93	1142	Hancock	(115)
American Robin	100	29778	Cook	(1846)
Gray Catbird	98	4336	Cook	(678)
Northern Mockingbird	78	533	Hamilton	(56)
Brown Thrasher	99	2545	McDonough	(125)
European Starling	100	30733	Cook	(2313)
American Pipit	15	426*	Douglas	*(203)
Cedar Waxwing	42	532	Alexander	(41)
Blue-winged Warbler	47	276	Cook	*(67)
Golden-winged Warbler	44	193	Cook	(22)
Tennessee Warbler	85*	3427	Union	(384)
Orange-crowned Warbler	18	77	Cook	(30)
Nashville Warbler	72	1831	Cook	*(455)
Northern Parula	68	690	Union	(101)
Yellow Warbler	88	2475	Cook	(287)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	70	677	Cook	(127)
Magnolia Warbler	58	726	Cook	(233)
Cape May Warbler	44	181	Cook	(35)
Black-thr'td Blue Warbler	11	51	Cook	*(27)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	94	8624	Cook	(1327)
Black-thr'td Green Warbler	72	1606*	Cook	*(392)
Blackburnian Warbler	55	360	Cook	(73)
Yellow-throated Warbler	34	163	Union	(40)
Pine Warbler	30	92	Hamilton	(12)
Prairie Warbler	16	105	Pope	(22)
Palm Warbler	83	5025	Cook	(1006)
Bay-breasted Warbler	48	257	Cook	(52)
Blackpoll Warbler	59	675	Union	*(172)
Cerulean Warbler	33	103	Union	(14)
Black-and-white Warbler	78	840	Cook	(249)
American Redstart	86	1030	Cook	(114)
Prothonotary Warbler	62	445	Union	(164)
Worm-eating Warbler	27	110	Union	(49)
Ovenbird	68	758	Cook	(166)
Northern Waterthrush	70	957	Cook	(236)
Louisiana Waterthrush	56	180	Union	(37)
Kentucky Warbler	62*	430	Union	(113)
Connecticut Warbler	1	1	Lake	(1)
Mouming Warbler	12	25	Cook	(7)
Common Yellowthroat	98*	4170	Cook	(374)
Hooded Warbler	25*	92*	Cook	*(32)
Wilson's Warbler	32	150	Cook	*(59)
Canada Warbler	11	26	Cook	(11)
Yellow-breasted Chat	70*	425	Union	(83)
Summer Tanager	56*	303#	Union	(96)
Scarlet Tanager	87*	689	Du Page	(76)
Eastern Towhee	94	1567	Cook	(112)
American Tree Sparrow	2	4	Du Page	(3)
Chipping Sparrow	100#	4897	Winnebago	(305)
Clay-colored Sparrow	6	36	Cook	*(26)
Field Sparrow	98	3090	Knox	(208)
Vesper Sparrow	53	144	Winnebago	(13)
Lark Sparrow	38*	151	Mason	(17)
Savannah Sparrow	64	797	Du Page	(133)
Grasshopper Sparrow	68	450	Henry	(39)
Henslow's Sparrow	15*	54	Union	(12)
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	1	Cook	(1)
Fox Sparrow	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Song Sparrow	99	5039	Du Page	(498)
Lincoln's Sparrow	29	287	Cook	(124)
Swamp Sparrow	55	1090	Winnebago	(195)
White-throated Sparrow	90	3667	Cook	(592)
White-crowned Sparrow	95	6171*	Cook	*(2222)
Dark-eyed Junco	11	21	Cook	(7)
Northern Cardinal	100	10530	Du Page	(490)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	99*	2853	Cook	(244)
Blue Grosbeak	21	63	Union	(10)
Indigo Bunting	99	7714*	Union	*(782)
Dickcissel	73	1783	Adams	(135)
Bobolink	70	2248	Jackson	(294)
Red-winged Blackbird	100	66495	Cook	(4239)
Eastern Meadowlark	99	5447	McDonough	(346)
Western Meadowlark	22	111	Henry	(18)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	7	94	Lake	(36)
Brewer's Blackbird	2	6	Lake	(5)
Common Grackle	100	33504	Cook	(1536)
Brown-headed Cowbird	99	9858	Cook	(590)
Orchard Oriole	80	487	Union	(63)
Baltimore Oriole	99	5035	Du Page	(310)
Purple Finch	26	113	Iroquois	(20)
House Finch	97	3402	Cook	(252)
Pine Siskin	2	3	Adams	(2)
American Goldfinch	99	16236*	Cook	(1167)
House Sparrow	99	19087	Cook	(1531)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	25#	525	Brown	(110)
"EXOTICS"				
[Trumpeter Swan	1	1	Stephenson	(1)]
[Ringed Turtle-Dove	1	14	Will	(14)]

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As usual, credit for this report goes to every one of you who counted birds on Count Day. Your assistance is very much appreciated. Many thanks, in particular, to the county coordinators and compilers (identified in TABLE 7) whose dedication and continued support are very much appreciated. For some of you that's been all 28 years. Because of everyone's collective efforts, the 1999 Spring Bird Count was another very successful event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2000 SPRING BIRD COUNT
Saturday, 6 May 2000

Perhaps some of you (without jeopardizing the count in your home counties) would be willing to assist in a more distant county — especially those counties with four or fewer observers. Please let me know. We would like to have participants in all 102 counties every year.

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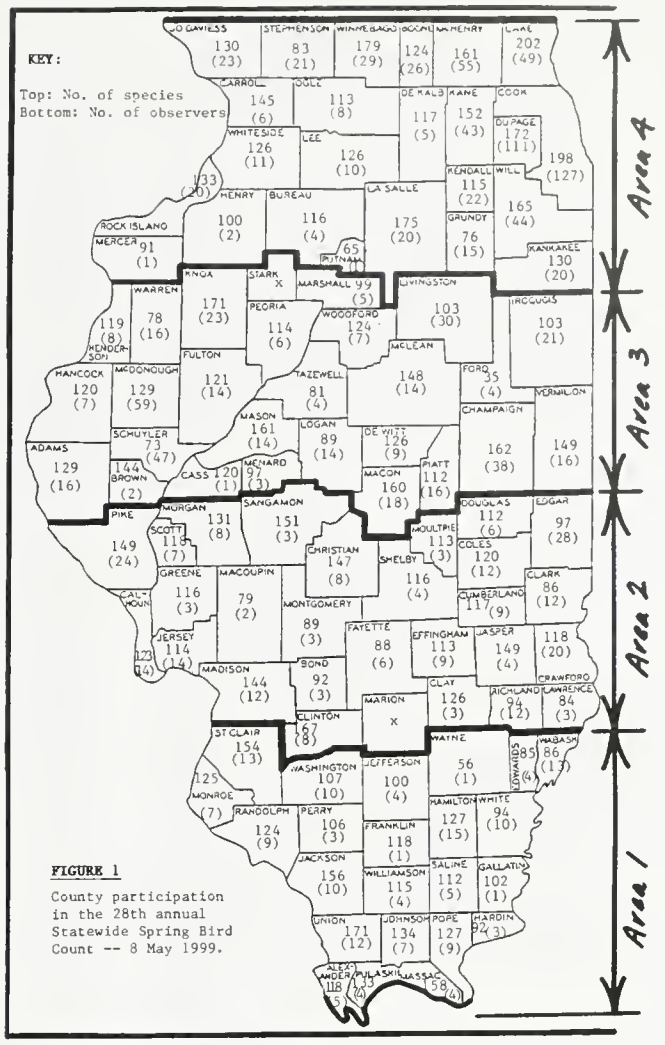


FIGURE 1
County participation in the 28th annual Statewide Spring Bird Count -- 8 May 1999.

TABLE 7: County Statistics

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	129	9,174	16	5	*0000-2330*	12/408	20/38	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	118	2,266	5	3	0545-1615	4/94	3/20	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	92	2,063	3	1	0600-2000	4/180	5/9	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	124	9,839	26	9	0530-2030	69/249	74/15	Arlene Brei
Brown	3	144	2,556	2	1	*0210-1730	6/205	9/3	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	116	4,862	4	3	0545-1600	9/119	10/6	Steven Shipp
Calhoun	2	123	8,173	14	9	*0430-2400*	8/352	12/38	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	145	8,831	6	3	*0315-2130*	14/265	14/15	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	120	2,741	1	1	*0430-1330	1/111	2/6	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	162	10,309	38	18	*0400-2030	71/378	86/27	Beth Chato
Christian	2	147	4,609	8	5	*0350-2230*	19/314	26/20	Clark Olson
Clark	2	86	2,230	12	6	0630-2010	9/129	11/14	Donna Clem
Clay	2	126	2,646	3	2	*0450-1520	6/142	8/9	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	167	7,092	8	3	*0100-2020	20/235	26/18	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	120	2,617	12	5	0530-1730	16/96	23/14	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	198	58,459	127	52	*0420-2100*	230/422	342/33	Duane Heaton
Crawford	2	118	6,038	20	8	*0515-2045*	21/423	17/62	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	117	2,819	9	5	*0430-2100*	10/185	20/16	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	4	117	3,271	5	3	*0500-20300	13/145	22/8	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	3	126	2,271	9	6	0540-2200*	14/138	21/6	L. Ishmael–Miller
Douglas	2	112	2,323	6	3	*0400-1930	28/188	15/6	Ted Funk
Du Page	4	172	26,026	111	36	*0400-2000	140/378	290/35	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	97	7,664	28	13	0530-2100*	29/332	25/55	Mary Ida Riedell
Edwards	1	85	3,091	4	3	0630-2020	4/95	5/16	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	113	5,630	9	6	*0445-2130*	22/297	31/15	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	88	862	6	4	*0500-2030	12/23	19/2	A.W. Jones
Ford	3	35	541	4	2	0520-2000	5/70	11/8	Larry David
Franklin	1	118	1,173	1	1	*0000-2000	5/91	10/4	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	121	4,636	14	5	0530-1830	12/304	11/30	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	102	695	1	1	*0230-1500	3/59	6/3	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	116	1,197	3	2	*0455-1530	6/68	6/4	Helen Wuestenfeld
Grundy	4	76	1,956	15	9	0630-1900	11/45	15/11	Robert Crane
Hamilton	1	127	4,666	15	11	*0400-2400*	24/336	29/52	Hazel Clark
Hancock	3	120	5,503	7	4	0600-2300*	18/297	17/29	Phil Tuttle
Hardin	1	92	384	3	1	0615-1845	2/73	2/9	Elizabeth Raikes

TABLE 7: CountyStatistics, *continued*

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Henderson	3	119	2,519	8	6	*0400-2130*	11/143	17/14	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	100	1,194	2	1	*0345-1730	7/144	4/8	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	3	103	4,909	21	10	0600-2130*	15/418	28/33	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	156	7,289	10	4	*0255-2115*	8/346	18/39	Paul Biggers
Jasper	2	149	5,819	4	2	*0000-2030	12/232	12/10	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	100	891	4	1	0600-1800	3/50	10/2	Florence Glass
Jersey	2	114	3,530	14	3	0630-1700	6/96	8/18	Edna Alexander
Jo Daviess	4	130	11,253	23	8	0530-1800	36/494	31/36	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	134	1,670	7	3	*0500-2010	5/162	10/16	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	152	15,747	43	22	*0430-2100*	84/339	139/25	Robert Montgomery
Kankakee	4	130	4,431	20	8	0600-1900	26/155	36/11	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	115	2,865	22	10	0515-2200*	21/51	52/16	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	171	10,545	23	14	*0300-2030	48/626	54/55	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	202	24,642	49	25	*0510-20-25	133/441	143/25	Danny Diaz
La Salle	4	175	13,982	20	10	*0400-2030	61/748	61/48	John McKee
Lawrence	2	84	1,248	3	1	0630-2030	6/124	6/8	Jim Madding
Lee	4	126	4,091	10	6	*0450-2030	22/143	32/14	John Bivins
Livingston	3	103	3,361	30	7	0600-2010	10/176	10/8	Joe Jobst
Logan	3	89	3,388	14	7	0530-2000	10/324	22/26	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	160	8,177	18	11	*0445-CÈ00*	38/437	G\64/22	Myrna Deaton
Macoupin	2	79	586	2	1	*0445-1700	5/52	8/2	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	144	3,329	12	4	*0330-1900	21/224	28/8	Frank Holmes
Marshall	3	99	4,615	5	2	0545-1830	2/270	2/21	Mary Hill
Mason	3	161	14,291	14	5	*0410-1945	25/228	39/18	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	158	5,278	4	3	*0325-2120*	18/145	27/8	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	129	15,348	59	31	*0200-2200*	74/537	115/68	Ed Franks
McHenry	4	161	17,468	55	20	*0430-2030	75/544	91/56	David Frey
McLean	3	148	14,509	14	4	0545-1900	14/261	26/13	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	97	1,101	3	3	0530-1400	9/40	10/2	Kenneth Lockhart
Mercer	4	91	1,313	1	1	*0435-2115*	1/63	2/10	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	125	2,793	7	3	*0430-1555	7/127	9/14	T. Wiley
Montgomery	2	89	1,311	3	3	0540-2200*	6/92	16/5	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	131	2,502	8	3	0530-1930	7/80	5/9	Peggy Leverlett
Moultrie	2	113	2,629	3	2	*0500-1700	15/136	17/4	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	113	3,466	8	5	0515-2000	20/331	18/13	Jim Heim
Peoria	3	114	7,168	6	4	0600-1745	16/124	18/16	Mike Miller
Perry	1	106	948	3	3	0525-2025	7/15	13/5	Joey Vancil
Piatt	3	112	2,679	16	9	0515-2100*	18/90	36/10	Beth Beauchamp
Pike	2	149	10,428	24	12	*0400-2200*	19/501	28/69	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	127	1,874	9	4	*0500-2000	19/176	35/8	Daniel Spivey
Pulaski	1	133	3,328	4	3	*0455-2030	7/161	9/20	Bob Lindsay
Putham	4	65	1,274	1	1	0700-1900	6/101	7/5	Michelle Simone
Randolph	1	124	4,677	9	5	*0415-2030	12/188	39/7	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	94	4,649	12	6	0600-1900	12/365	16/17	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	133	9,590	20	10	*0420-1830	24/364	32/32	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	154	7,924	13	6	*0500-2130*	25/395	49/26	Richard Call
Saline	1	112	1,355	5	2	0530-1800	3/107	12/6	Kathy Phelps
Sangamon	2	151	3,611	3	2	*0330-2000	13/190	15/11	H. David Bohlen
Schuyler	3	73	2,109	47	5	0740-1800	15/17	40/2	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	118	2,189	7	3	0525-1730	11/81	19/8	Steve Tavender
Shelby	2	116	2,286	4	3	*0400-2200*	7/114	8/7	Karen Forcum
Stephenson	4	83	1,981	21	5	0600-1600	12/344	10/27	George Visel
Tazewell	3	81	2,430	4	2	0600-1630	6/160	4/15	Mike Miller
Union	1	171	12,265	12	7	*0000-2030	33/546	30/41	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	149	8,593	16	12	0530-2130*	28/361	42/27	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	86	1,109	13	6	0640-2130*	11/89	22/7	Gary Adams
Warren	3	78	2,445	16	12	0630-2000	10/100	14/9	Lynne Schoonover
Washington	1	107	1,408	10	5	0530-1930	5/66	28/2	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	56	334	1	1	*0300-2030	5/145	5/7	George Rose
White	1	94	1,395	10	6	0545-2000	9/199	13/17	Doris Williams
Whiteside	4	126	3,729	11	4	0630-1930	8/426	9/31	Carol Jackley
Will	4	165	18,620	44	19	*0400-2235*	102/778	109/50	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	115	1,696	4	2	*0445-1830	5/159	11/12	Tracy Evans
Winnebago	4	179	18,683	29	15	*0400-2100*	91/468	117/78	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	124	6,636	7	3	*0400-1930	10/350	15/19	Brenda Onken

Illinois Beach State Park

by Sheryl De Vore

Habitats: Lake Michigan shoreline, sand dunes, sand prairie, sand savanna, sedge meadow, fen, and fragmented pine woods.

Key Birds: Migratory loons, gulls, shorebirds, rails, raptors, owls and songbirds; breeding Brewer's Blackbird .

Best times to bird: Fall migration (September through November) for hawks and owls, spring migration, and winter.

Birding: The 4,160-acre Illinois Beach State Park encompasses 6.5 miles of sandy Lake Michigan shoreline, which provides habitat for 650 species of plants and at least 300 species of birds.

Birders, especially those who enjoy hawk-watching, consider fall the best season to visit Illinois Beach State Park. Virtually any species migrating southward can occur here in the fall as well as spring. Because of the park's location along the lake's western shoreline, strong westerly winds push migrating birds nearer to birders.

On an October day when west or northwesterly winds blow following an Arctic cold front, birders come here to watch hawks. On the right days, birders might catalog up to 14 species of hawks including Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Harrier, Osprey, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Kestrel, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, and on occasion Bald Eagle, and rarely, Goshawk, Swainson's Hawk, and Golden Eagle.

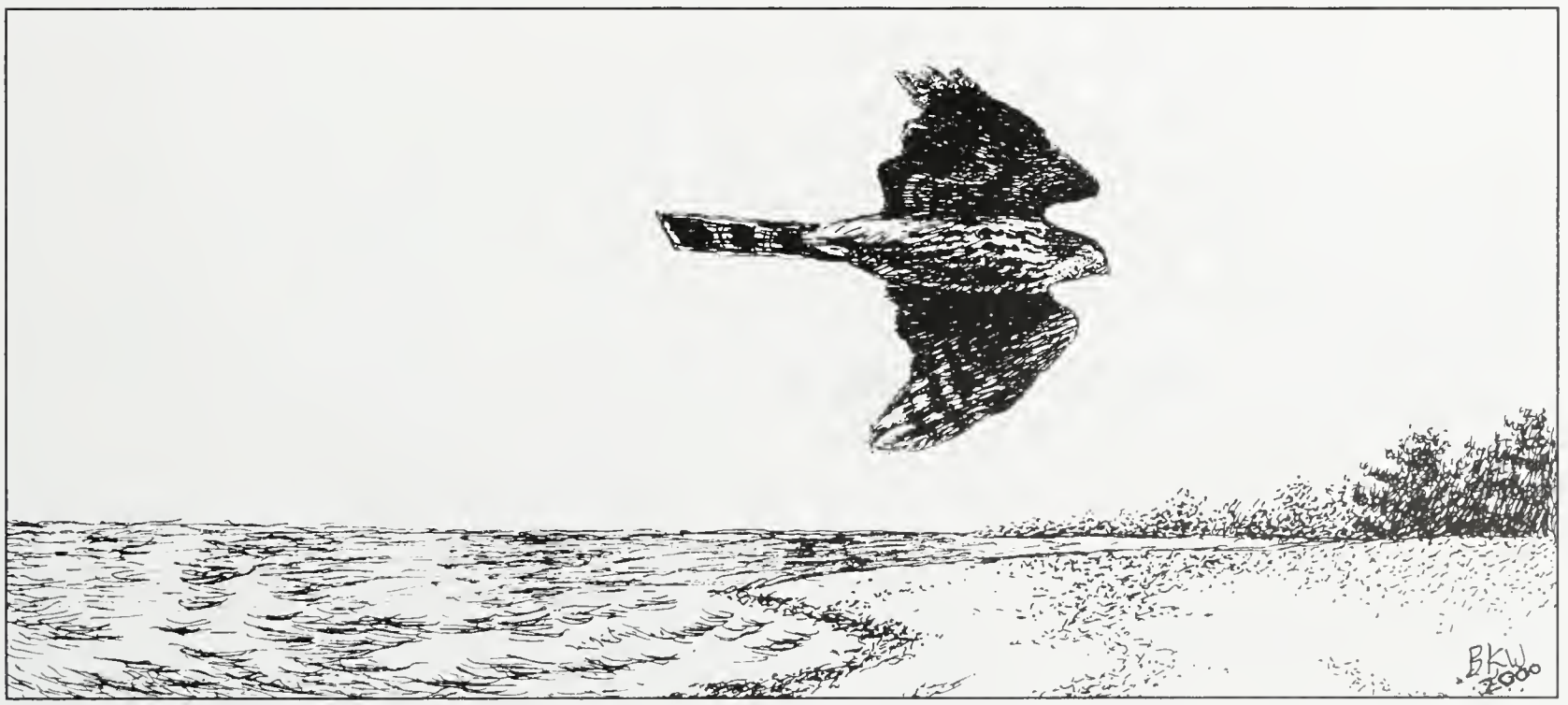
To watch for the hawks, park at the Interpretive Center, then walk east to the lake over a boardwalk. Find the highest point to stand on the shore, or walk south to the wooden tower where you can get an even better view. From here, you have a good chance at seeing Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Osprey, and falcons – hawks that aren't afraid to fly over the water.

You can also reach the shoreline via the Dead River Trail. Walking along this trail also affords you a better opportunity to see buteos and accipiters.

The Dead River, a stream blocked by sandbars much of the year, forms an elongated pond where you might see ducks and herons, and when the water level is low, shorebirds.

For ducks, walk the shoreline where you may find large rafts of wintering species such as Greater and Lesser Scaup, Oldsquaw, and Common Goldeneye. Birders occasionally find Barrow's Goldeneye here, too. Look for Great Black-backed Gull, Thayer's Gull, Glaucous Gull, and occasionally an Iceland Gull plying the shoreline. In some years, winter finches such as Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak frequent the pines along the Dead River.

As early as March, large numbers of passerines fly overhead on their trek northward. The peak of songbird migration occurs in mid-May to end of May as oaks open and attract



Sharp-shinned Hawk drawing by Brain K. Willis

bugs. Earlier in May, you might check the deciduous woods as you enter the park after you cross the railroad tracks for songbirds; parking is limited here. A series of ponds in the vicinity also attracts birds.

The Dead River Trail is perfect for a migrant walk where you'll find thrushes, flycatchers, warblers, and other species. During fall, these walks can yield hundreds of American Redstarts in various plumages. Early in the morning or at dusk in April and early May, you may hear various rails and possibly an American Bittern calling from the marshes.

An even better place to search for spring migrating landbirds is the trail that leaves the Interpretive Center parking lot and goes through the center of the preserve. Here you'll walk through a stand of oak trees, that can be quite productive for warblers and other migrating songbirds in middle to late May. When all the migrants have long left southern Illinois, you can still find some here at Illinois Beach State Park, in the oaks where insects attract hungry birds.

Birding during breeding season can be difficult because the beach is extensively used by humans for recreation, and because the best nesting areas are closed to the public. Still, you can enjoy birding here in June and early July. South of the Dead River Trail is a group of pines and a sandy grassland area where Western and Eastern Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbirds, and Grasshopper Sparrows have bred here, but not in large numbers. If you'd like to bird this area, call the State Park for information on whether you can obtain permission to enter.

If you can't get to the area south of the Dead River Trail, you might find the Brewer's Blackbirds feeding on the shoreline early in the morning before it gets crowded on the beach in May, June, and July. Look for a grackle-sized bird with a rounded tail like a Red-winged Blackbird's, and yellow eyes.

To search for puddle ducks, you can go to the Northern Unit of the park. Go north on Sheridan Road for about 2 miles to 17th Street. Turn east on the road into the park where you'll find various ponds with small parking lots. Check the ponds for ducks March and April and October into November. During dry times, mudflats become exposed and attract shorebirds here.

The North Unit also consists of trails winding through oak woodlands, and has been underexplored by birders.

Directions: Travel north on U.S. 41 nearly to the Wisconsin border. Turn east on Wadsworth Road, driving for 2 miles past Sheridan Road. Wadsowrth Road leads into the park. Follow the signs to the Interpretive Center. You can park there to gain access to the Dead River trail and shoreline.

General information: In the late 1600s, French explorers came to the northern Illinois Lake Michigan shoreline while surveying the Northwest Territory. Before Illinois became a state in 1818, hunters, trappers, and others lived along the sandy shores. The northern unit of the park, known as Camp Logan, was used as a Union prisoner of war camp during the Civil War and for military training during World Wars I and II. The state acquired the first land rights in 1948 of what was to become Illinois Beach State Park. In 1964, the Illinois Nature Preserves commission designated 829 acres of the park as a state nature preserve, meaning it can never be developed. The preserve contains rare, natural ecosystems where animals and plants that can adapt to the lakefront environment survive. The park is open from 5:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Nearest food, gas, and lodging: Camping and picnicking inside the park, concession open May through October; lodging also available at the 96-room Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center, which includes a restaurant; also motels on Sheridan Road in Zion.

Contact: Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Front Drive, Zion, IL 60099. Phone: (847) 662-4828. Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center Reservations Phone: (847)625-7300.

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Final Note

Illinois Ornithological Society holds its annual meeting at Illinois Beach State Park, the weekend of May 19-21. See the newsletter included with this journal for details and registration form.

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A Loony Trip

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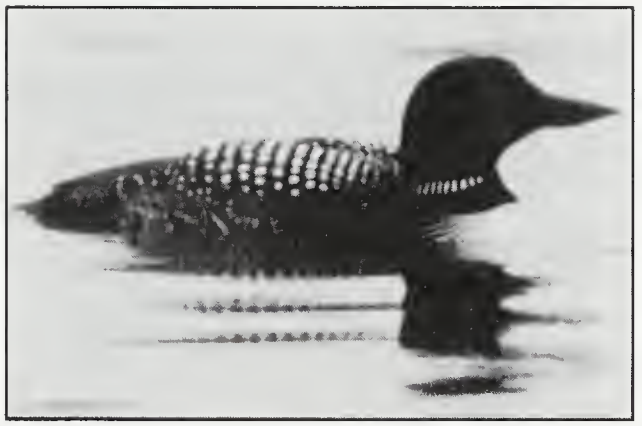


Common Loon, one of 19 present on Long Lake, Lake Co., 10 April 1995. Photo by David B. Johnson.

No county in Illinois can boast having as many lakes as Lake County, a magnet for waterbirds including loons and various ducks. Indeed, on the Waukegan Christmas Bird Count (1 January 2000), our count party of five recorded no fewer than 17 species of waterfowl on the glacial lakes of Druce and Third Lake in northeastern Illinois have. These and other lakes attract unusual waterbirds, for example, on 26 March 1999, I found a basic-plumaged Red-throated Loon and 23 Common Loons at Eagle Point on Pistakee Lake. Other rarities that have graced the northern waters of Lake County include Pacific Loon and Cinnamon Teal as well as Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gulls. Each time I visit these glacial lakes I'm reminded of their vast acreage and holding capacity for waterbirds during migration before the throngs of jet skiers,"cigarette boats," and other motor boats chase them off in late spring and summer.

Each lake has its affinity for certain species; and each spring I perform my annual pilgrimage to hear and see the first loons as they return north when the ice retreats from the Chain O' Lakes. Spring loons arrive in late March wearing beautiful alternate (breeding) plumage, and many are already yodeling and calling as they do on their northern breeding grounds. Birders typically see loons in pairs on the smaller lakes and in rafts of 10 or more birds on the larger lakes. Peak numbers occur the end of March and the first two weeks of April. Cold fronts often stall good numbers of loons. Birders have recorded as many as 50 loons in multiple rafts off Eagle Point on Pistakee Lake during spring migration. The loons depart by the first week in May. Birders find it more difficult to search for loons in fall since it is hunting season, but the best time to look in this northern region is November. The loons are in basic (winter) plumage at this time, and can be difficult to identify.

Migrating ducks begin arriving as early as the first week of February, depending on how much open water exists. Canvasback, Redheads, and Northern Pintails usually arrive first, joining wintering Common Goldeneyes and Common Mergansers. Other duck species of ducks peak in March; Lesser Scaup are typically the last to leave by the first week in May. Some non-breeding ducks linger on the Chain throughout the summer, and the fall migrants return in late August through December. Late November and December can be a good time to search for an occasional Tundra or Trumpeter Swan in with the more numerous Mute Swans. On the Chain, waterbirds are generally in smaller numbers in the fall.

This bird finding guide covers the best of the 80 plus glacial lakes in Lake County formed by the glacial kettles left behind from the ice age. This guide is a "loop" trip through Lake County. Expect to take a full day for this excursion, and bring your spotting scopes. The Chain O' Lakes waterway maps at any of the commercial boat launch areas are helpful, as are the six county Chicagoland atlas directories.

We'll begin our ***"Loop Tour"*** *at:*

Diamond Lake

Best accessed off Diamond Lake Road off Route 45 in Mundelein or from Rte 60/83 (west of I-94). Park at the Gale Street Inn Restaurant parking lot east of the restaurant and north of the Redwood's eatery on Diamond Lake Road. Note the Mundelein Park and Recreation District boat launch parking area just south of Gale Street Inn. You'll find good early morning viewing here for loons, grebes, Canvasback, Redhead, scaup, mergansers, and coots. A Tundra Swan was here in winter. Another good viewing area is the park on the lake's north end. Return to Route 45. Turn west on Lakeview Drive, then south on S. Prairie Ave. to the Mundelein Park and Recreation District's North Shore Park. You'll find two viewing areas on the south side of the lake at Oak Terrace/Lakeview Ave, which is best accessed off Route 83. Oak Terrace Park is at the southwest corner of the lake and Bridge Park (Oak Terrace) is at the southeast edge of the lake on Lakeview Avenue immediately west of the bridge and channel. Both these southern viewing areas offer almost no parking, so unless you absolutely need a southern or south westerly view of the lake, you should bird only at the Mundelein Park and Recreation District observation points. Common Loons often stage on this lake in early spring just when the ice goes out. This lake often has very good numbers of Pied-billed and Horned Grebes, Canvasback, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, and American Coot. Other puddle ducks are seen in lesser numbers. A high count of 290 Ruddy Ducks was recorded on this lake 15 April 1996. Wood Ducks can often be seen in

summer with the Mallards. A Common Loon in basic plumage once summered here. Gale Street Inn, Redwood's, and El Barrio's on Diamond Lake Road are fine eateries if you're done with the birding loop and come back to this location.

Loch Lomond

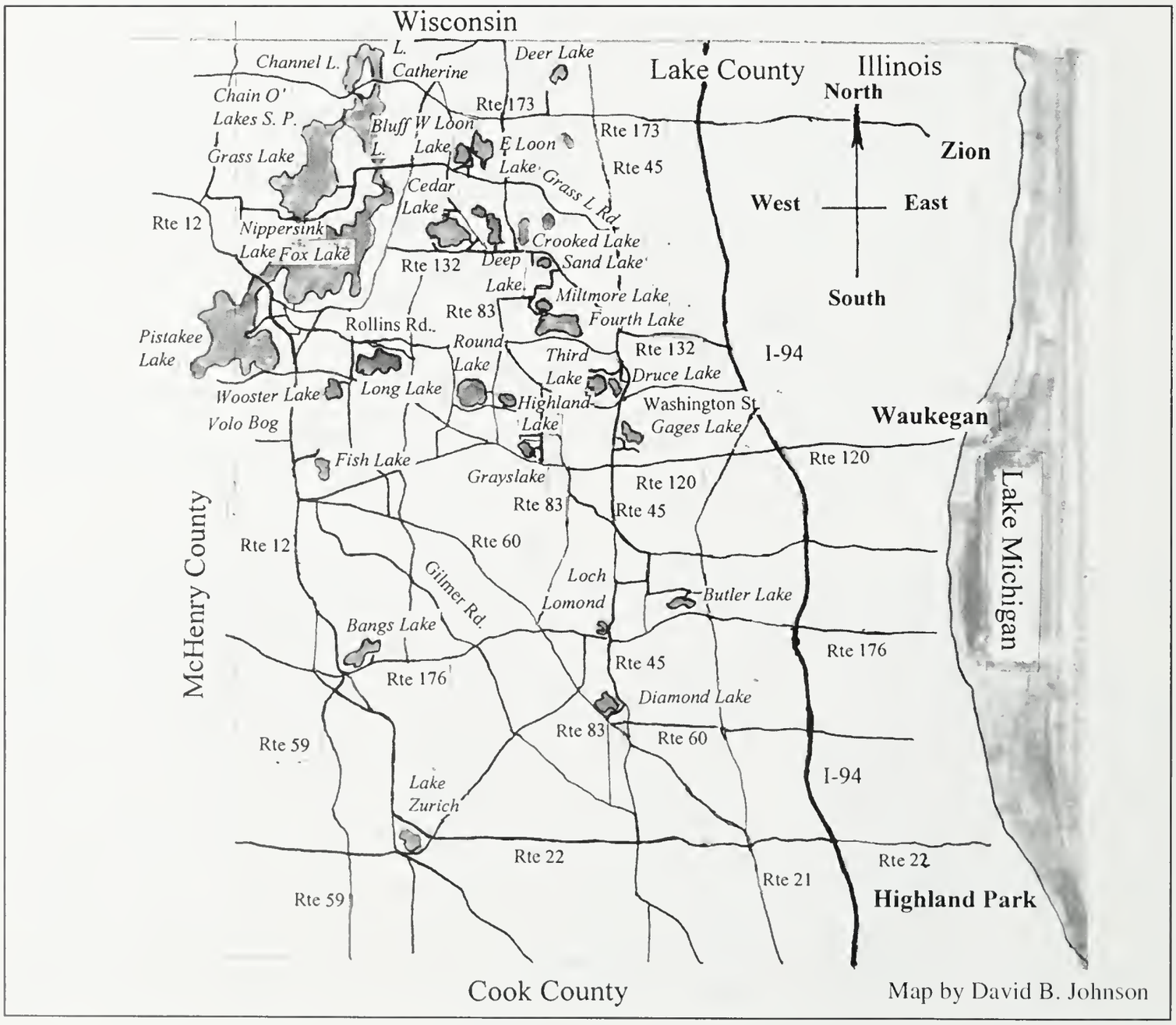
From Diamond Lake Road go north on Route 45 to Route 176 (Maple Ave.); Turn west to Beach Place. Drive north until the road deadends on Lomond Drive. Scan the lake from the park (You may have to look through the fence if the park is closed) for loons, puddle ducks and all three species of mergansers in the spring. This lake often holds good groups of waterbirds both early and late in spring. Common Loons, Canvasbacks, and Buffleheads have been observed on this private lake. Access is generally not easy at this lake.

Butler Lake

From Loch Lomond return east to Rourte 45 and go north to Winchester Road. Turn east, then south on Butterfield Road to Lake Street. Drive east to the Butler Lake park and parking area on the north side of the lake. Park in the lot overlooking the lake and scan for waterfowl here. Good numbers of puddle ducks, coots, Canvasback, and Redheads often stop here, as well as mergansers and Ruddy Ducks. Unusual waterbirds recorded include Tundra Swan and Snow (Blue) Goose.

Gages Lake

From Butler Lake return west on Lake Street to Butterfield Road. Turn north to Route 127, then west to Route 145. Drive north past Route 120 to Sears Boulevard. Turn east to Pebble Beach. You can get a western view of the lake here or at Rule Park just down the road by the Wildwood Park District offices. A nice covered observation platform here at Rule Park provides perhaps a great view of the lake. Loons, Canvasback, Redheads, and other ducks are often seen on this lake as well as mergansers and coots. In winter, rarities have included Glaucous Gull and Bald Eagle. Another southerly viewing point for Gages Lake is at Willow Point Beach and Warren Sheldon Park. To get there,



Map by David B. Johnson

continue south from Rule Park and turn east on Deerpath Road to John Mogg Road. Turn north to Woodland Terrace. Park here and walk to the beach to view the southern end of Gages Lake. This lake often holds waterbirds in spring and fall and sometimes remains open in winter.

Third Lake/Druce Lake

Return to Deerpath Road. Turn west to Route 45, then north past Washington Street. Access to this lake is best from Route 45 turning west on Sunshine Avenue. Go west past the Serbian monastery to North Lake Avenue, and continue west (right) to almost the dead end of N. Lake Avenue. Just before the Village Hall of Third Lake, you'll see several small parking slips. Walk back east on North Lake Avenue to an empty lot with a small village access pathway to the lakefront. From here you can view the lake from the north. There's also a second lakefront access boat launch 0.2 mile east from the Village Hall. This is the deepest lake in Lake County. As a result, it sometimes remains open in winter where huge concentrations of waterfowl including 10,000+ Canada Geese and occasionally Snow Geese and Greater White-fronted Geese linger. Also on this lake, you can find all three mergansers, Canvasback, Redhead, Mute Swans, grebes, and even an occasional Trumpeter from re-introductions in Wisconsin. Loons also have been recorded here and often good numbers of Horned Grebes in alternate (breeding plumage) can be seen. Ring-necked Ducks often abound on this lake. **Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve** can also be accessed from the end of Lake Ave and the Village Hall. During the winter of 1995/96, two Northern Shrikes were found at the Savannah. **Drury Lane**, off Rollins Road, to the north of the savannah had a vernal wetland that often held some of the best puddle ducks you could find in the spring in the county along with shorebirds, but this area is being developed like so much of the rest of the county. A Cinnamon Teal was once at this wetland. **Druce Lake** is adjacent to Third Lake and often has the same birds as Third Lake. From Sunshine Avenue take Grant Avenue south to a nice shoreline eastern view of the lake. This lake recently has hosted wintering Mute Swans in number often exceeding 20 individuals. In spring nearly all the puddle ducks can be recorded here, and the lake has been particularly good for Horned Grebe, mergansers, and coot. Return to Route 45 by via Cottage Avenue (east). from Lake Shore Drive. You can also view Third Lake from Linden Lane off Washington Street Turn south on Route 45 and go to Washington Street. Turn west to Linden Lane. Go 0.4 mi. and park on the east, just before a private white "no outlet" gate, by the Lake County Forest Preserve gate facing some oak woods. Walk a short distance to Third Lake through the woods. During migration, Rusty Blackbirds are often seen in the wet woods to the east of Linden Lane as your driving north (about 200 yards from Washington St.).

A group of birders view loons through their scopes in March overlooking Mineola Bay of Fox Lake in Lake County.

Grays Lake

From Washington Street travel west past Route 83) to Lake Street, on the east side of the town of Grayslake. Turn south to George Street. Turn west, driving until the road dead-ends at Graysl Lake, which, in spring, often has a loon or two, Pied-billed Grebes, Mute Swans, coots, Canvasbacks, Redheads, American Wigeons, and mergansers. Gulls used to congregate here from a local landfill, but fewer are being seen since the landfill closed. Unusual gulls recorded on this lake include Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Thayer's Gulls. You can also view this lake from Route 120 on the south by pulling off the shoulder (to the north) while you're westbound on Route 120, but traffic is often very busy here. A fine northwesterly viewing area is located to the west of Lake Street on Harvey Avenue. Take Harvey west from Lake Street to the intersection of Harvey and Alleghany Road. At the southeast corner of this intersection is Jones Island Park. Park in the Grayslake Park District parking area just to the south and east of the Jones Island Park District office.

Miltmore Lake/ Fourth Lake

Return to Lake Sreet. and go north to Route 83. Turn northwest, traveling past Rollins Road to Engle Road. Turn east to North Nathan Hale Road. Turn south and almost immediately you'll see Lake Miltmore Beach for viewing **Miltmore Lake**. This lake during migration often has a loon or two, Pied- billed Grebe, coots, and mergansers. After viewing Miltmore Lake continue south and east on North Nathan Hale Road to Wildwood Drive; jog south on Wildwood turning southeast on South Nathan Hale Drive, until you reach Paradise Drive Court. Turn east to the Lake

Miltmore boat launch parking area at the bottom of the hill. Park and walk out on the road to the east, which separates Miltmore Lake and Fourth Lake. **Fourth Lake** to the south often has thousands of coot during migration plus other puddle ducks, including Ruddy Ducks. Osprey in spring have been seen on this lake and occasionally in spring or fall, Rusty Blackbirds frequent the parking lot area.

Sand Lake

Return to North Nathan Hale Road and continue to Morton Drive./ Genoa Avenue; turn east and you'll skirt the north side of Miltmore Lake and Lake Miltmore Park, another good viewing area for Miltmore Lake. Turn north on Granada Boulevard. When you reach Verona Boulevard, you'll see the Sand Lake boat launch, which offers a view of Sand Lake from the southeast. This is a good lake for loons in the spring as well as Red-breasted Mergansers. To view the lake from the west, go north on Granada to Route 132. Turn west to Douglas Lane (You'll see a Lake Co. Forest Preserve sign for Farm Pond); turn south on Douglas Lane and view the lake from the Forest Preserve District property on the west side of the lake. RJ's Eatery on Rte 132 is a fine restaurant to dine at while doing this loop tour.

Crooked Lake/ Deep Lake/Sun Lake

Crooked Lake to the north of Route 132 and east of Deep Lake Road can often hold some interesting loons, ducks, and mergansers. Take Deep Lake Road north to Crooked Lake Lane. Go north at the stop sign onto North Crooked Lake Lane. Park at Sedgewood Cove Park and walk to the lake on the nature trail. Scan the lake from the western shore. Return to Route 132; turn west to Water's Edge Drive. Go north to Glacier Park and the condo parking lot overlooking **Deep Lake**. You may view waterbirds from the condo overlook. Loons linger longer here than anywhere else on the Chain, with birds often being seen into mid-May. This lake also has Horned and Pied-billed Grebes, mergansers and Mute Swans. A Pacific Loon was once recorded here and on **Sun Lake,** just to the north, during the summer of 199, a first regional (Middle-western Prairie Region) record for the summer! Sun Lake can be accessed off Grass Lake Road to the north by the Lake County Forest Preserve District sign. You will, however, have to walk a mile to reach the lake to the south.

Cedar Lake

Return to the intersection of Routes 132 and 83. Go west on 132 to Cedar Avenue. Turn northeast and drive into Lehmann Park; park by beach. At this park you may view the southeastern side of the lake. A view of the western side of the lake can be obtained by returning to Route 132 , then going west past Cedar Lake Road. Just as you pas the road, note the drive for the Bradley Counseling Center entrance on the west side of the lake. Turn north down this road and view the lake to the east. Often many puddle ducks remain on this lake in spring well into May. Loons, grebes, Ring-necked Duck, scaup, Bufflehead, mergansers, and Ruddy Duck often abound here in spring. A more northerly view of the lake may be had by returning to Route 83, then going north to Petite Lake Road. Turn west to Belmora Park Boulevard, then south to Liberty Avenue and finally west where you will see an empty lot from which you can view the lake to the south. Often huge rafts of ducks can be seen from this location in spring. Common Moorhens once nested off Belmora and Petite Lake Road.

West and East Loon Lakes

Return to Route 83 from either Petite Lake Road or 132; go north to Grass Lake Road. Then turn east to Villa Rica Drive; then left to an open boat launch; from here you can view W est Loon Lake. Continue on Villa Rica past Loon Lake Boulevard and Beach Drive to North Lake Bloulevard. Turn north and you'll be able to view both East and West Loon Lakes from this peninsula. View from the beach side of West Loon Lake only, and respect the rights of private property owners. I once became preoccupied with trying to find Common Loons on both West and East Loon Lakes when I lived in Fox Lake. I figured that if someone named these lakes after loons, I should at least be able to see one there during migration. So, I began my search one spring, and lo and behold, I did find Common Loons to be rather regular on these lakes both during spring and fal. Thus they are appropriately named, though I've never recorded more than a "handful" of loons on either lake. These lakes are also good for other species of grebes and ducks. Horned Grebes are often close to shore on the east side of West Loon Lake, and Hooded Mergansers and Red-breasted Mergansers like both lakes. In summer, the state endangered Black and Forster's Terns forage on East Loon Lake. The Black Tern has attempted nesting at East Loon Lake at the north end. Pied- billed Grebe, American Coot, Bufflehead, Northern Shoveler, and Ring-necked Duck are often recorded at the north end of East Loon Lake.

Deer Lake

Return to Grass Lake Road via West Loon Lake Boulevard. Go east to Deep Lake Road, then north to Route 173. Turn east and almost immediately on both sides of the road you'll see Red-Wing Slough marsh. Sometimes from this busy road, you can many ducks, an occasional Forster's Tern, Black Terns, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Least Bittern is also a possibility. Continue west 0.8 mile from the intersection of Deep Lake Road and 173 until you see a very narrow gravel road on the east side of a farm house (there's a Slow Children sign on a post here) 0.4 mile before Savage Road. This north road is easy to miss but is currently the only access point to reach Deer Lake; you'll see IDNR signs along the road, incidentally the last place that Common Loons ever nested in Illinois! Take the gravel road north nearly 0.5 mile as it parallels the east side of Red-Wing Slough. Park at the gate and walk north a mile to Deer Lake. The birding can be great here. American Bitterns and Sandhill Cranes have

nested at Deer Lake. Many lingering ducks can be found at Deer Lake and Red-Wing Slough well into May. If the slough is drawn down, this location can be a mecca for shorebirds. Eastern Phoebes nest along the brown cabin on the west side of Deer Lake, and Vesper Sparrows probably nest here as well. Rarities recorded here have included overmigrant Summer Tanager and Worm-eating Warbler.

Grass Lake/Chain O' Lakes State Park/ Turner Lake

Return to Route 173 and retrace your route back west to Deep Lake Road. Turn south to Grass Lake Road; then west for 4.5 miles (You may wish to stop at the bridge by Stietz's Resort on the channel just past Bluff Drive, which connects Bluff and Petite Lake; there are often ducks in winter along this channel) until you reach Halings Road, opposite Grass Lake School. Turn west to the boat launch and promontory on the east side of Grass Lake. A good view of the expansive Grass Lake can be made from here as well as from the Mutiny Boat Club and pub trailer park and Grass Lake bridge at the south end of Grass Lake just past Lake Road. Huge rafts of ducks can be seen here in late winter and early spring including many Canvasback, Redhead, mergansers and Ruddy Duck; scaup also abound. Loons, grebes, and almost any duck can be seen here. The state's only nesting colony of Forster's Terns occurs on a small island in this lake, although in recent years boating activity has disturbed this species. In fall, loons and Tundra Swans occur. The entrance to Chain O' Lakes State Park is made by taking Grass Lake Road until it dead ends to the west; turn right on State Park Road until it becomes Main Street and intersects with Wilmot Road. Turn north to the park entrance (1.4 miles). Boat or canoe launching can be made in the Park, and **Turner Lake** is inside the park and sometimes has good waterfowl. A loon has even been recorded on this small lake, and Sedge Wrens nest near the northern edge of the Lake as well as Yellow-breasted Chats farther north in the shrubby areas. The State Park deserves some exploring. The only reliable location for finding breeding Cerulean Warblers in the county is in the woods near Turner Lake and at the Oak Point boat launch off Route 173, just east of the Fox River.

Fox Lake, Nippersink Lake, Duck Lake, Mineola Bay, Columbia Bay, Stanton Bay and Point

Return to the intersection of State Park Road and Route 12, south of Chain O' Lakes State Park. From the intersection of Routes 132 and 12, turn east on 132 to Forest Avenue. Turn north and go up a steep hill until the road turns east and then north again and then down a hill. Just before Leisure Point and Korpan's Landing you'll see Lakeside Road. Turn east to a vacant lot with gravel parking. Look east into Mineola Bay and Fox Lake for loons and mergansers. 30+ Common Loons have been recorded in this bay. For some reason, loons like it in Mineola Bay and are often close to shore here. Look to the south in Mineola Bay, in April there's often a large concentration of Ruddy Ducks at the south end of the bay. If you can't see them from Lakeside Avenue, retrace your drive back to Route 132 and go east to Maple Avenue, then north until it dead-ends literally into Mineola Bay. You should be able to view the Ruddy Ducks and any other puddle ducks in the bay from this location. NOTE: there's only room for two cars at this location. Turn east again on Route 132 to Tweed Road. Drive north to Lippincott Lane, then west to a small park on the north side of the road. You can view loons and mergansers here, too. Another grand view of Fox Lake and Columbia Bay can be had by returning to Route 132 and driving east to Stanton Point Road. Drive north all the way to the "juke box" point where you can park in a large gravel lot just west of a tavern. This location gives the birder an expansive look at both Fox Lake and Columbia Bay, and to a lesser degree Stanton Bay to the south. Loons, bay ducks, mergansers, and gulls can be seen here. An American White Pelican visited here one fall. This is also a good spot in fall for loons. Return south on Stanton Point Road to 132.

Eagle Point/ Pistakee Lake

Take 132 west to Route 12. Eagle Point is just south of this intersection. Turn west on Eagle Point Road and follow it through its many twists and turns until you come out on a causeway facing Pistakee Lake. Look for loons and diving ducks here. Meyers Bay is to the south and often has loons. This location has had the largest number of loons in spring, as many as 50! Listen for them calling during spring migration (their most frequent call is like a screaming Herring Gull, though the yodel and tremolo call can also be heard). A scope is essential for this large body of water. Look to the north from the causeway to a peninsula where Bald Eagles are occasionally seen in winter and early spring (March). Common and Red- breasted Mergansers are often in this location by the hundreds. A basic plumaged Red-throated Loon was observed from this point in spring 1999. Another good viewing location for Pistakee Lake is at the far west end of Route 132 next to Docker's, a fine eatery in Fox Lake. Puddle and bay ducks often congregate here along with Ring-billed Gulls.

Long Lake

Return to Route 12 via Eagle Point Road, taking it east across Route 12 to Sayton Road; jog north across the railroad tracks turning east on Rollins Road. Go east to Lake Shore Drive. One of the few remaining outdoor drive-in restaurants in the county, a Dog and Suds, is along the way in Ingleside at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Rollins Rd. Stop for a frosted root beer and hot dog on your spring "looney trip." This northerly shoreline drive gives a commanding view of this great lake for loons. Turn east on Lake Shore Drive, which will take you around the north end of

the lake. For some reason, this is the best inland lake for seeing large numbers of loons with as many as 10-19 birds in early April if not more (perhaps this is due to the birds being chased off the "Chain" by jet skis and cigarette boats!) Be careful to park in pull-offs, not on private property. This lake is also good for mergansers, Ruddy Ducks, and gulls. Lake Shore Drive will eventually empty into Fairfield Road to the east. The west-end of Long Lake can also be viewed from Wilson Road by the tracks.

Round Lake

From Fairfield Road turn south to Route 134. Turn east, angling to Hart Road, where you will go east again and then north on Cedar Lake Road to Beachview Drive. Go east to Lake Shore Drive and Lakefront Park were you may view the lake from the west. Round Lake is an isolated not often birded lake, but it's very good lake for loons, mergansers, and other waterbirds. Often over 1,000+ American Coot stage here in spring and fall. Redheads are often on the lake as well as other divers such as Common Goldeneye and Bufflehead in early spring. It is not uncommon to see at least four loons on this lake in spring, and often Pied-billed and Horned Grebes and Hooded Mergansers hug the shoreline on this lake. Turkey Vultures have been seen migrating over this lake in spring. Return to Cedar Lake Road from any of the connecting roads to the west off Lake Shore Drive. Go south on Cedar Lake Road to Washington Street Turn east, and then sharply northeast on Clifton Drive to Lake Shore Drive, where you'll find Bengson Park, you'll see the park almost immediately on your left, on the south side of the lake(opposite the Round Lake Park Village Hall). The parking lot is on a rise from the lake. Best views of the lake may be had by walking to the beach below. Another eastern good viewpoint for this lake is at the end of Lake Avenue off Hainesville Road. Turn back east on Washington Street. to Hainesville; turn north to Lake Avenue. Turn west to the boat launch area.

Highland Lake

Return to Washington Street, go east to Lilac Ave. Turn north to South Circle Drive. You'll see Chic Park at the southwest corner of the lake here; also, there's a boat launch and beach. This undisturbed lake often holds loons well into May and other ducks, including good rafts of mergansers. You can also view the lake from another boat launch area and beach off Lakeside Drive on the east side of the lake north of Washington Street.

Fish Lake

Return west to the intersection of Hainesville and Washington. Turn south on Hainesville to Route 120. Go west to Route 12, then north to the Camp Duncan YMCA camp entrance on the east. Check in with the ranger or camp director. Fish Lake is another undisturbed lake that often has good numbers of loons, ducks, and mergansers as well as rafts of Ruddy Ducks and coots in spring. After birding Fish Lake you may wish to stop by Volo Bog, a unique natural area in the county. This bog is northwest of Fish Lake off Sullivan Lake or Brandenberg Roads.

Bangs Lake

Return to Route 12 and go south to Old Rand Road/Main Street. Take Route 176 (Liberty Street.) east to Biloxi Grill and the boat launch area just to the west of the eatery. Often many loons, grebes, and ducks including Canvasback and Redheads can be seen on this overlooked lake. Especially check the eastern bay of the lake off Lake Shore Boulevard to the north of Route 176 at Maimans Lake Shore Park at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard and Sunnyside Avenue. Just past this intersection on the east side of Lake Shore Boulevard is a marsh that often contains Black Tern in the summer. Good numbers of coot can be seen here, too.

Lake Zurich

Our final lake on the loop tour will be Lake Zurich at the southern end of the county. Return to Route 12 taking it south to Old Rand Road. Go east to Kuechmann Park, which has a nature center. Park in the lot, and walk back across Old Rand Road to the wooden park deck overlooking the lake. Many waterfowl use this lake during migration; loons, grebes, and ducks abound often including Canvasback, Redhead, and mergansers. American Coot are often here in the hundreds. Tundra Swans have been seen on this lake, too. Another good viewing location is Breezwald Park off Old Rand Road In town near Lakeview Place and Mionske Drive, there's another good viewing location for Lake Zurich, but parking is difficult here.

Good waterbirding, and may you hear the call of a loon when you bird the glacial lakes of northeastern Illinois. If you find additional new access points such as parks or boat launches to the glacial lakes, please forward this information to the author.

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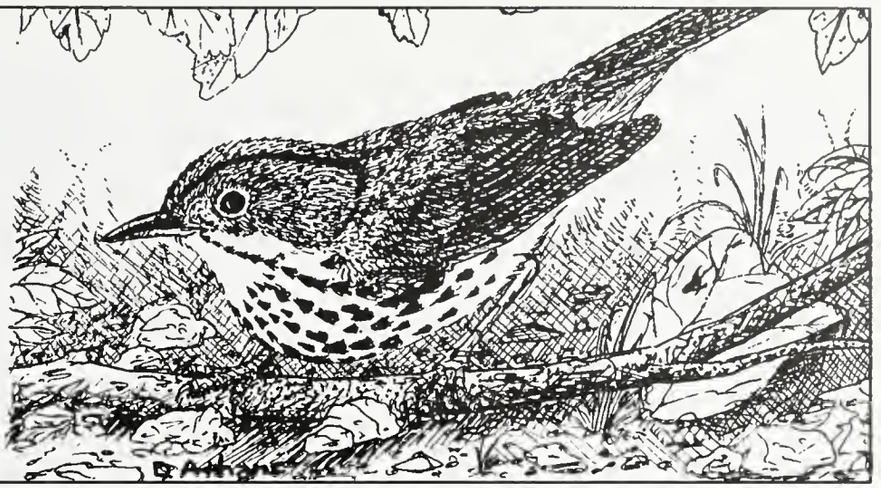
Field Notes



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The 1999 Spring Migration

by Paul R. Clyne

The 1999 spring migration was among the best ever for southern overshoots, and a few long-distance strays added splashes of color (in more ways than one) to the season. Alas, most of the more routine migrants fared little better than average, but even this made for a big improvement over the previous year's truly terrible spring passage! Overall, the season was very good for the numbers and diversity of scarcer species, but mediocre to fair for the more common birds.

There are several contenders for "best bird" of the spring. **Gray Kingbird** should, in principle, take top honors as a first state, indeed, regional record, but Illinois' second **Garganey** logged vastly more miles (and entertained many more observers) in making its appearance, and neither of these can vie with a male **Painted Bunting** on visual impact. A **Couch's/Tropical Kingbird** was also recorded as the state's first record this spring. **Purple Gallinules** competed for the best bird title by sheer abundance (coupled with breath-taking beauty). See an article in this issue for details on these interesting species. Finally, Illinois' second **White-winged Dove**—just nine months after the state's first—deserves an honorable mention at the very least! See separate articles in this issue on the kingbirds, bunting, Garganey, and gallinule

The most conspicuous trend among regular migrants was the superabundance of the scarcer southern overmigrants in the northern two-thirds of Illinois. Summer Tanagers and White-eyed Vireos had banner seasons in the northeastern part of the state, and most of the southern warblers were two to three times more evident than usual—see, for example, the accounts below for Prairie, Cerulean, Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Kentucky, and Hooded Warblers. High counts outside southern Illinois remained in the single digits for these species, and the hard data below do not adequately reflect just how widespread and unusually frequent sightings of these species were in small numbers. The only southern warbler that did not enjoy a healthy passage was Northern Parula.

The onset of spring migration was strikingly early in the wake of a very mild winter. Several species of waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes, Red-winged Blackbirds, and even Killdeer reached northern Illinois by the last week of January. Record high temperatures 10-11 Feb ushered in hordes of early migrants—many setting local record arrival dates—although unusual species were few. The biggest February surprise was an all-time early Lesser Yellowlegs on 11 Feb.

From March through the first half of April, migration continued with few hitches and few spectacles. Highlights included record spring high numbers of American White Pelicans and Sandhill Cranes, an all-time high count for Brewer's Blackbirds, a **Tricolored Heron** at Chicago on **7 April**, all three of the seaons's **Cinnamon Teals**, and notably early dates for Warbling Vireo, Purple Martin, Swainson's Thrush, and Palm and Hooded Warblers.

The second half of April was chilly and wet, especially in the northeast, and forestalled the arrival of warblers and other neotropical migrants over the northern half of the state. Among the best finds were the aforementioned White-winged Dove, **White-faced Ibis**, the first of the season's **five Scissor-tailed Flycatchers**, and record numbers of Willets and Northern Flickers.

As expected in spring, most of the season's highlights were in May, including most of the ultra-rarities listed above, a **Neotropic Cormorant** near Chicago, the season's second **Tricolored Heron**, plus all those southern songbirds. Exceptional high counts were obtained for several species in May; see especially Least Flycatcher, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, and White-crowned Sparrow. Many of this year's high counts coincided with the Illinois Spring Bird Count, held on 8 May. This is due partly to the fact that 8 May saw a fairly strong passage through at least the northern parts of the state, but mostly it reflects the results of more birders keeping more concrete data. Full Spring Bird Count tallies are in a separate article in this issue; they are included below only if contributed as single-party high counts by individual observers.

The main thrust of May's passerine movement gave out early this year. By the end of the third week in May, migrants were in low numbers, and the variety of late stragglers reported was under par.

A few species engaged in such poor passages as to draw attention. Among the worst shows of the season were Broad-winged Hawk, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, and—most surprisingly—White-throated Sparrow. Within their limited range in Illinois, Blue Grosbeaks were also disturbingly low. Although this was not a flight year for winter finches, even the more reliable migrants—Purple Finch and Pine Siskin—were conspicuous in their near-absence.

The foundation of this summary is the detailed information on migration limits and populations as submitted directly to the compiler (or indirectly via the Illinois Department of Natural Resources) by field observers across the state. Information not submitted is not included. For example, reports communicated to local coordinators of taped bird-alerts, reports posted on e-mail, and reports transmitted by word of mouth to another observer are generally wanting here.

Migration limits and maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three subsections of Illinois—North, Central and South—as mapped out in Bohlen's (1978) *Annotated Check-list of the Birds of Illinois*. Additional data are sometimes noted for species and areas of special interest.

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As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	=	earliest arrival(s)
MC	=	maximum count(s)
LD	=	latest departure(s)
SBC	=	Spring Bird Count (8 May 1999)
*	=	documented record
ph.	=	photographed
m.ob.	=	many observers
ad.	=	adult
subadult	=	subadult
imm.	=	immature
pr	=	pair(s)
CA	=	Conservation Area
FP	=	Forest Preserve
FWA	=	Fish & Wildlife Area
L	=	Lake
L&D	=	Lock and Dam
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge
R	=	River
SP	=	State Park
IORC	=	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

Transparent directionals such as ea. = east(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), so. = south(ern), etc., are used where relevant. When information on counts greater than one, on sexes, and/or on ages of birds observed is available, it is generally included in parentheses after the date of the record. No number signifies single birds. Headings for species requiring IORC review appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLDFACED** fonts; records that are still under review are noted at the end of this report. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

The 1996 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of most place names. Remarks on the import of records are informed largely by Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the subsequently published Illinois journals.

Arcola	=	Arcola (Douglas Co)
Carl.L	=	Carlyle L (Clinton Co unless noted otherwise)
CBG	=	Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co)
Chau	=	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
Chi	=	Chicago (Cook Co)
Clin.L	=	Clinton L (De Witt Co)
CrabOr	=	Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
CypCrk	=	Cypress Creek NWR/Frank Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co)
Decatur	=	Decatur (Macon Co)
Deer G East/West	=	Deer Grove East/West FP, Palatine (Cook Co)
Evanston	=	Evanston (Cook Co)
GrantP	=	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GrtLakes	=	Great Lakes Naval Training Center, North Chicago (Lake Co)
Heron Pond	=	Heron Pond National Park (Johnson Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe L SP (Madison Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach SP (Lake Co)
IL	=	Illinois
JP	=	Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kidd L	=	Kidd L Marsh (Monroe Co)
La Salle L	=	La Salle L (La Salle Co)
LCal	=	L Calumet area (southern Cook Co)
LShel	=	L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co unless noted otherwise)
M.View	=	Moraine View SP (McLean Co)
Mermet L	=	Mermet L CA (Massac Co)
Montrose	=	Montrose Harbor area, Chicago (Cook Co)
MsPal	=	Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co)
Palos	=	Palos area (southwest Cook Co)
Pomona	=	Pomona (Jackson Co)
Pr.Rdg	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
Rockford	=	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Shab.L	=	Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co)
Spfld	=	Springfield (Sangamon Co)
UCCA	=	Union Co CA (Union Co)
Urbana	=	Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk	=	Waukegan (Lake Co)
Wilmette	=	Wilmette (Cook Co)
WlkRen Marsh	=	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh (De Kalb Co)

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1999 Spring Migration Field Notes

Red-throated Loon
EA: 26-27 Mar (basic plumage), Pistakee L, Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake/McHenry Cos) (*DJ, RAM et al.).

Common Loon
EA: **7 Feb**, Carl.L (Co?) (KM); **27 Feb** (2), Newton L (Jasper Co) (JW et al.); 17 Mar, Rockford (DW); 19 Mar, Clin.L (RC). MC: 13, Clin.L, 27 Mar (RC); 11, Evanston, 18 Apr (JE); 10, CrabOr, 9 Apr (KM). LD: 25 May, Rockford (DW); 22 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 20 May, Farmer City (De Witt Co) (RC). Weather patterns suggest that the February arrival dates may represent true migrants rather than overwintering birds.

Pied-billed Grebe
EA: 24 Feb, Heyworth (McLean Co) (TEB); 13 Mar, Carl.L (DK); 17 Mar (2), Shab.L (DJS); 20 Mar (2), JP (KC). MC: 54, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 45, CypCrk, 7 Apr (KM); 22, JP, 23 Apr (KC, PC). LD: 9 May, JP (PC); 2 May (6), Kidd L (DK).

Horned Grebe
EA: **1 Feb**, HL (KM); 15 Feb, Chi (JL); 27 Feb (3), L Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 6 Mar, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: 36, HL, 22 Mar (KM); 19, Calumet Park, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS). LD: 27 Apr, JP (PC); 26 Apr, Union Co (KM); 23 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

Eared Grebe
EA: 13 Mar, Clin.L (RC). MC: 4 (breeding plumage), Arcola, 23 Apr (RC). LD: 1 May, Arcola (RC).

Western Grebe
EA: 23 Mar & 27-28 Mar, JP (KC, PC, AFS). Only the third March record in the past decade; most recent spring sightings are confined to May.

American White Pelican
EA: **27 Feb** (15), Sante Fe township (Clinton Co) (DK); **1 Mar** (40), Grassy L (Union Co) (KM). MC: Aerial surveys of IL R valley from Chillicothe to Spring Valley (spanning Marshall and Putnam Cos) yielded **a record spring high count** of **2193** on 31 Mar, and other noteworthy highs of **1630** on 7 Apr, **1450** on 25 Mar (JRs fide C&JMc). Other maximum counts: **1771**, Chau and Clear L (Mason Co), 8 Apr (R&SBj)—record high count for site; **750**, Monroe Co, 27 Mar - 5 Apr (DK); 400, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Apr (KM); 350, UCCA, 7 Mar (*DM, LM). LD: 29 May (10), Union Co (KM, IOS); 21 May (2), IL R near Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (JH). Explosive increases in the past decade render the status cited in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* not currently valid.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT
EA: 11 May - end of period (subad.), Crabtree L, Barrington (Cook Co) (*CW, *CF, m.ob.). Tenth state record.

Double-crested Cormorant
EA: 1 Mar (8), Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KM); 18 Mar (6), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). MC: **2429**, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj); **2300**, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co), 22 Apr (JH); **1867**, Riverdale quarry (Cook Co), 18 Apr (WM, KW); 1000, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 732, JP, 24 Apr (KC, PC). LD: 5 Jun (10), Evanston (EW); 30 May (6), Kidd L (DK); 20 May (7), East Homer (Vermilion Co) (JOS). Big increases continue.

American Bittern
EA: 29 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 10 Apr, M.View (MLR); 10 Apr, Clin.L (Du Page Co Audubon Society, fide RC); 25 Apr, Powder Horn L, LCal (WM). MC: 5, Pr.Rdg, 5 May (JW, EK); 3, Arcola, 9 May (RC); 2, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 17 Apr (KM); 2, Decatur, 10 May (MD). LD: 16 May, CBG (AA et al.); 14 May, no. Williamson Co (LS); 10 May, Decatur (MD); 8 May, Rockford (DW).

Least Bittern
EA: 17 Apr (2), Old Ben No. 25 Mine (Franklin Co) (LS); 7 May, Searle Park, Rockford (RM); 11-15 May, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW). MC: **8**, Kidd L, 2 May (DK)—apparently the only count for spring in excess of 4 birds. LD: 30 May, Kidd L (DK); 16 May, Montrose (MLR, GW).

Great Blue Heron
EA (north): 16 Feb (8), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 20 Feb, Fox R at Elgin (Kane Co) (DFS). MC: **380**, Clear L colony (Mason Co), 8 Apr (R&SBj); 150, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 85, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM); 49, Chau, 6 May (R&SBj).

Great Egret
EA: **6 Mar**, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DK)—second earliest IL arrival date; 21 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (DFS); 23 Mar, LCal (WM); 10 Apr, Henline Pit near Colfax (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 52, LCal, 13 Apr (WM); 50, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM); 40, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 7 Apr (CF); 31, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co), 6 May (R&SBj). LD: 13 Jun, JP (KC).

Snowy Egret
EA: **29 Mar**, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KM)—ties second earliest IL arrival date; 3 Apr, UCCA (DK). MC: 10, St. Clair Co, 8 Apr (KM); 10, Kidd L, 2 May (DK). LD: 16 May, Evanston (AA et al.).

Little Blue Heron
EA: 29 Mar, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KM); 18 Apr (ad.), Hyde L wetlands, LCal (WM); 1 May, Angler's L, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 32, St. Clair Co, 7 May (KM); 16, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (C&JMc); 7, UCCA, 3 Apr (DK); 4, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co), 23 Apr (R&SBj); 2, Hyde L wetlands, LCal, 16 May (AA, WM). LD: into Jun (2), LCal (WM); 30 May (ad.), Urbana (RC et al.).

TRICOLORED HERON
EA: **7 Apr** (ad.), Montrose (*RDH-ph., JHP)—**record early arrival for IL**. LD: 29 May, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (*MD, *DK, AS). Twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth spring records.

Cattle Egret
EA: 28 Mar, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KM); 17 Apr, St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 190, St. Clair Co, 29 Apr (KM); 35, Mississippi R dike at Union Co, 23 Apr (C&JMc); 12, se. Boone Co, 13 May (WS). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 31 May, LCal (WM, EW, DFS); 11 May, Decatur (MD).

Green Heron
EA: **2 Apr**, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (JH); 8 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM); 10 Apr, M.View (MLR); 10 Apr, Urbana (RC); 21 Apr, JP (PC). MC: 12, JP, 18 May (KC, PC); 6, Mermet L, 30 May (KM, IOS). LD: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
EA: 22 Mar (8), HL (KM); 28 Mar (2 ad.), JP (PC, DFS); 1 May, Arcola (RC). MC: 808 (dispersing from roost), LCal, 22 Apr (WM); 82, JP, 27 May (PC); 12, HL, 17 May (KM). LD: 15 May, Arcola (RC). Large numbers in ne. IL continuing into June.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
EA: 28 Mar (2), Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KM, RSM); 30 Mar, Granite City (Madison Co) (FH). MC: 4, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (C&JMc). No reports outside so. IL.

WHITE-FACED IBIS
EA: 27 Apr (ad.), south of Rochester (Sangamon Co) (*PW-ph.)—17th IL spring record.

Black Vulture
MC: 50+, Heron Pond, 3 Apr (DK); 8, Johnson Co, 1 Mar (KM). Other: 24 Apr, CrabOr (RSM)—somewhat north of usual range.

Turkey Vulture
EA: 7 Feb (15), so. Clinton Co (KAM); 23 Feb, Du Page Co (RF, KF); 26 Feb, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 75, MsPal, 11 May (KJM, VK); 35, Johnson Co, 1 Mar (KM); 33, Boone Co, 11 Apr (AB); 15, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK). LD: 17 May, Evanston (EW).

NOTE: *For additional waterfowl high counts, see results of the Illinois Natural History Survey aerial inventories included in the previous issue of Meadowlark. In particular, duck inventories conducted on 19 and 22 Feb may apply largely to spring migrants.*

Greater White-fronted Goose
EA: 27 Jan, Clin.L (RC); 6 Feb, Shab.L (DJS); 21 Feb (10), Nelson L Marsh FP (Kane Co) (DFS). MC: **1000**, Clin.L, 19 Mar (RC, GL); 250, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 13 Mar (DW); 145, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 130, Shab.L, 27 Feb (DJS); 74, Geneva Judicial Center pond (Kane Co), 1 Mar (JPo); 20, CypCrk, 25 Mar (KM). LD: 25 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 6 Apr, JP (PC, KC); 1 Apr (11), Pulaski Co (KM).

Snow Goose
EA: 6 Feb (300), Clin.L (RC); 15 Feb (19), Shab.L (DJS). MC: 2,500, Clin.L, 13-14 Feb (RC, m.ob.); 1500, Union Co, 1 Mar (KM); 1000, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 40, north of Leland (rural De Kalb Co), 24 Mar (DJS). LD: **28 May -3 Jun**, near Simpson (Johnson Co) (MLR); **1 Jun**,(found dead on road), near Glendale (Pope Co) (MLR); **28 May**, La Salle L (C&JMc); 8 May (ad. blue morph), JP (*KC).

Ross's Goose
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 27-28 Feb, St. Charles (Kane Co) (*PM); 17 Mar, Calumet Park, LCal (DFS). MC: 8, Heyworth (McLean Co), 27 Mar (MLR); 4, Pulaski Co, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 5-17 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 10-11 Apr (2), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW, GW); 3 Apr, UCCA (DK); 31 Mar - 1 Apr, JP (*PC, TJ-ph. – see accompanying photo). Others: 1 Mar, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 25 Mar (2), CypCrk (KM)

Canada Goose
MC: 4500, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co), 1 Mar (KM); 1300, Shab.L, 15 Feb (DJS); 311, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj). Almost no information on migration dates.

Mute Swan
MC: 41, Wolf L, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS).

Tundra Swan
MC: 6, Rockford, 17 Mar (DW); 2, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 27 Mar (DJS). No other data.

Wood Duck
EA: 7 Feb (2), so. Clinton Co (KM); 12 Feb (pr), JP (KC); 26 Feb, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DFS). MC: 150, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 124, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj).

Gadwall
EA: 27 Jan (50), Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (DFS); 9 Feb (250), Powerton L (Tazewell Co) (JGR). MC: 1000+, Clin.L, 13 Mar & 4 Apr (RC); 390, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 33, Nelson L Marsh FP (Kane Co), 3 Apr (DFS). LD: 2 Jun (2), Calumet Park, LCal (DFS); 23 May (2), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW); 19 May, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR).

American Wigeon
EA: 27 Jan (2), Braidwood (Will Co) (DFS); 30 Jan (2), so. Clinton Co (KM); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC). MC: 610, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 115, HL, 14 Mar (FH); 75, Rockford, 17 Mar (DW); 67, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 6 Jun (male), JP (KC); 10 May (2), Carl.L (Co?) (KM).

American Black Duck
EA: 31 Jan (12), Long Grove (Lake Co) (CF); 6 Feb, Fox R valley (Kendall Co) (DFS). MC: 202, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 100, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc); 8, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK). LD: 31 May (summering?), LCal (EW, WM, DFS); 7 Apr (2), CypCrk (KM).

Mallard
MC: 13,099, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 4000, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 2000, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc).

Blue-winged Teal
EA: 1 Mar (10), UCCA (KM); 6 Mar (2), Des Plaines FWA (Will Co) (DJS); 13 Mar, Clin.L (RC); 17 Mar (male), JP (PC). MC: 282, Chau, 1 Apr (R&SBj); 220, Decatur, 8 May (MD); 200, CypCrk, 7 Apr (KM). LD: 16 Jun (male), JP (KC); 30 May (5 males), La Salle L, 30 May (C&JMc); 29 May, Union Co (KM, IOS).

CINNAMON TEAL
EA: 10-11 Apr (male), just south of Lylerla L, Union Co (*KM, RSM, LW); 11 Apr (male), southwest Perry Co (*B&MC-ph.); 18 Apr (male), Clin.L (*RC). The IORC has now removed breeding-plumaged males of this species from its review list, but it will continue to evaluate records of females and basic-plumaged individuals.

Northern Shoveler
EA: 27 Jan, Braidwood (Will Co) (DFS); 31 Jan (40), Long Grove (Lake Co) (CF). MC: 1361, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj); 750, CypCrk, 1 Apr (KM); 652, HL, 22 Mar (KM); 600, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK). LD: 2 Jun (3), Del Monte ponds near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 28 May (pr), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW); 24 May (male), JP (PC); 10 May (7), Carl.L (Co?) (KM).

Northern Pintail
EA: 30 Jan (2), we. La Salle Co (DFS); 6 Feb (100), Clin.L (RC). MC: 1250, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 197, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 105, HL, 14 Mar (FH); 60, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 8 Mar (DW). LD: 10 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM); 1 May, Shab.L (DJS); 1 May, Arcola (RC).

GARGANEY
LD: 10-15 May (male), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (*DW-ph., *DMB, m.ob.)—**second IL record**. See article in this issue.

Green-winged Teal
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 7 Feb (10), Carl.L (Co?) (KM); 26 Feb (2), Putnam Co (DFS); 8 Mar (5), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DW). MC: 475, UCCA, 28 Mar (KM); 450, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 163, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 105, HL, 14 Mar (FH); 17, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 18 Mar (DW). LD: 5 Jun (male), LCal (DFS); 28 May (male), La Salle L (C&JMc); 8 May, Carl.L (DK).

Canvasback
EA: 9 Feb (5), Wolf L, LCal (DFS); 15 Feb (3), Shab.L (DJS). MC: 1260, La Salle L, 14 Mar (C&JMc); 333, Chau, 25 Mar (R&SBj); 197, Evanston, 21 Mar (JE, EW, GR); 170, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM). LD: 11 May, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, VK); 8 May, Newton L (Jasper Co) (*JW, EK, SS); 25 Mar (4), Grassy L (Union Co) (KM).

Redhead
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 25 Feb (4), LCal (DFS). MC: 436, Evanston, 21 Mar (JE, EW, GR); 90, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 66, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 61, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc). LD: 19 May (male), Wauk (CF); 8 May (female), La Salle L (C&JMc); 29 Apr (2), St. Clair Co (KM).

Ross's Goose. 1 April 1999. Wooded Island, Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The bird was present 31 March through 1 April 1999. Photo by Thomas Jackman.

Ring-necked Duck
EA: 14 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 27 Feb (10), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). MC: 789, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 300, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Mar (KM); 50, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 85, Shab.L, 27 Feb (DJS). LD: 22 May (male), CBG (AA); 15 May, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (DJS); 9 May (pr), Arcola (RC); 7 Apr (15), CypCrk (KM). Other: female all season, Wilmette (EW)—present since Aug 1996.

Greater Scaup
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC). MC: 450, JP, 14 Feb (KC); 13, McLean Co, 25 Mar (MLR); 7, Clin.L, 13 Mar (RC). LD: 25 May, Del Monte ponds near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 15 May (female), Eggers Woods (Cook Co) (GW); 7-8 May (female), Decatur (MD); 1 May (2), Mermet L (KM, FB, RSM, VL).

Lesser Scaup
EA: 10 Jan (50), HL (KM); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC). MC: 5000, Clin.L, 13 Mar (RC); 500-2000, Shab.L, 7-31 Mar (DJS); 1845, Chau, 25 Mar (R&SBj); 900, Jo Daviess Co, 3 Apr (DW); 235, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM). LD: 30 May (12), L Renwick (Will Co) (DJS); 29 May (3), Arcola (RC); 28 May (5), La Salle L (C&JMc); 27-28 May (2), Montrose (GW); 10 May (2), HL (FH).

Swainson's Hawk. 19 May 1999. Kane County. The adult was on territory and succeeded in fledging young – see Breeding Season Report in Vol 9 No. 1 of Meadowlark for details. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

Harlequin Duck
EA: 2 Mar (ø-plumage), JP (KC). LD: 28 Apr (ø-plumage), JP (AFS); 16 Apr and 24 Apr (ø-plumage), Wauk (*DJ; SH); 16 Apr (ø-plumage), JP (PC). Perhaps only one individual.

Surf Scoter
EA: 7 Mar (1st year male), Rend L CA (Franklin Co) (*RSM, VL, DMK, KJ); 15 Mar, HL (KM); 20 Mar, LShel (Shelby Co) (RC); 27 Mar, Clin.L (MLR et al.); 28 Mar (3), JP (DFS). MC: 8, Carlyle Sewage Pond (Clinton Co), 17 Apr (DK); 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 28 Mar (LH). LD: 19 May, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP); 29 Apr, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 28 Apr (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 21 Apr (female), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR).

White-winged Scoter
LD: 21 Apr (female), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS)—the only report.

Black Scoter
LD: **19 May**, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP)—the only report.

Oldsquaw
LD: 16 Feb, Wauk (DJ); 20 Mar (female), L Charleston (Coles Co) (RC); 19 Mar (female), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 17-18 Mar (female), GrantP (DFS); 3 Mar (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). Very few reports; singles only.

Bufflehead
EA: 26 Jan (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KM). MC: 37, JP, 21 Feb (PC); 18, Shab.L, 17 Mar and 31 Mar (DJS); 15, Chau, 25 Mar (R&SBj); 12, HL, 15 Mar (KM); 10, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK). LD: 2 May (ø-plumage), JP (PC, KC); 8 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM).

Common Goldeneye
MC: 163, JP, 10 Feb (KC); 12, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 7, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 17 Apr (male), Wilmette (JE); 28 Mar, Marion Co (KM); 21 Mar, Carl.L (DK).

Hooded Merganser
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 10 Feb (ø-plumage), JP (PC). MC: 30, Shab.L, 7 Mar (DJS); 19, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 6 Mar (DW); 12, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 12, Union Co, 17 Apr (KM). LD: 18 May (2), Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (DW).

Common Merganser
EA: 20 Feb (5), Evanston (EW). MC: 210, Clear L (Mason Co), 11 Mar (R&SBj); 55, Rockford, 18 Mar (DW); 37, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DW); 25, HL, 15 Mar (KM). LD: 8 May (female), La Salle L (C&JMc); 10 Apr - 1 May (injured), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 4 Apr (4), L Spfld (KM).

Red-breasted Merganser
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 7 Feb (11), Carl.L (Co?) (KM). MC: 1075+, Evanston, 17 Apr (EW); 600, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 3 Apr (CT); 560, JP, 14 Apr (PC); 400, CrabOr, 28 Mar (KM); 150, Clin.L, 19 Mar (RC, GL). LD: 22 May, Clin.L (RC); 18 May, Montrose (GW); 8 May, Carl.L (DK); 1 May, Mermet L (KM, FB, RSM, VL).

Ruddy Duck
EA: 27 Jan (13), HL (KM); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 21 Feb, Fox R (Kane Co) (DFS). MC: 1625, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 900, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Mar (KM); 300, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 350+, Boone Co, 23 Mar (AB). LD: 28 May (male), La Salle L (C&JMc); 19 May, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP).

Osprey
EA: 2 Apr (breeding territory), Bergman Slough, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (CT); 2 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 10 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (JOS). MC: **10**, east of Bureau Junction (Bureau Co), 26 Apr (DJS)—record spring high count for state; 5, Shab.L, 6 Apr (DJS); 3, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 20 Apr (CF). LD: 30 May, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 19 May, Whiteside Co (KJM, BP); 16 May, Montrose (AA et al.); 29 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

Mississippi Kite
EA: 26 Apr, Union Co (KM). MC: **30** (including **23 in one flock** at Thebes (Alexander Co)), se. IL (Alexander, Union, and Jackson Cos), 29 May (KM, DK, IOS). LD: 15 May and 22 May (same bird?), Carl.L (DK).

Bald Eagle
EA: 18 Mar (3rd year), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 19 Mar, Boone Co (AB). MC: **291** (190 ad., 88 imm., 13 others), Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co), 7 Mar (AA et al.); 31 (15 ad., 16 imm.), Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 23 (19 imm.), IL R valley (Putnam Co), 26 Feb (DFS); 12 imm., Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS). LD: 15-16 May (1st year), LCal (WM, EW, MLR, JE); 11 May (2nd year), Winnebago Co (DW). Fairly widely reported away from nesting sites.

Northern Harrier
EA: 17 Mar (male), Evanston (EW). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 6 Apr (JW, EK); 3, Pulaski Co, 25 Mar (KM). LD: 4 Jun, Monroe Co (KM); 22 May, nw. Winnebago Co (DW); 16 May, LCal (WS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
MC: 6, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS); 2, St. Clair Co, 21 Mar (KM); 2, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JOS). LD: 9 May, JP (FKB); 8 May, Clinton Co (KM, RH, VL); 23 Apr, Chau (R&SBj). Very few reports.

Cooper's Hawk
MC: 3, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS); 3, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK). LD: 8 May, JP (KC); 8 May, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (AA); 17 Apr, Chau (R&SBj). Almost no reports.

Northern Goshawk
EA: 5 Mar, Urbana (RC); 17 Mar, McLean Co (MLR); 17 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (DFS). LD: 27 Mar (ad.), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK). No other data.

Red-shouldered Hawk
EA: 14 Feb, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DJS); 11 Mar, near Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 17 Mar, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS); 24 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW). MC: 6, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 25 Mar (KM); 3, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 23 Apr (KJM, JWS); 3, Franklin Co, 24 Apr (LS). LD: 28 May, Palos (DFS); 24 May, Collison Marsh, Middle Fork State FWA (Vermilion Co) (JOS).

Broad-winged Hawk
EA: 4 Apr, Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (AA); 9 Apr, Union Co (KM); 18 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, DeerG West (CF). MC: 8, Boone Co, 5 Apr (AB). LD: 16 May, O'Brien L&D (LCal) (AA et al.). Almost no reports statewide. "Horrible spring" in so. IL (KM).

Swainson's Hawk
Reports confined to breeding areas in McHenry, Kane, and De Kalb Cos: 10 May, Kane Co (DW) see accompanying photo; 13 May (2 ad.), Hinckley (De Kalb Co) (WS); 15 May, McHenry Co (C&JMc-ph.); 22 May (2), south of Huntley (Kane Co) (JM).

Red-tailed Hawk
EA: 13 Feb (ad.), JP (KC). MC: 36, Putnam Co, 26 Feb (DFS); 30 (including one dark morph), Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 28, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 26, Pr.Rdg, 13 Mar (JW). LD: 18 May, JP (PC). "**Harlan's Hawk**": 27 Mar, Kinmundy (Marion Co) (KM).

Rough-legged Hawk
EA: 7 Mar, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (GW); 14 Mar, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 4 (including one dark morph), Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar

(DK). LD: 14 Apr, Bismarck (Vermilion Co) (RC); 3 Apr, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (DFS); 27 Mar (4), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 24 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW).

American Kestrel
EA: 7 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 10, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 9, St. Clair Co, 4 Mar (KM); 7, De Kalb Co, 13 Mar (DJS). LD: 31 May (male), JP (KC).

Merlin
EA: 14 Mar (male), JP (PC); 17 Apr, Union Co (KM); 23 Apr, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 2, Evanston, 30 Mar (JE). LD: 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 24 Apr, IBSP (SH, JM).

Peregrine Falcon
EA: 19 Mar (2—subsp?), GrantP (DFS); 29 Mar, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KM). LD: 9 May, Wabash Co (LH); 8 May (ad.), Decatur (MD); 8 May, no. IL (numerous sites), including identified *tundrius* in eastern Bureau Co (DFS) and "migrant" at nw. Cook Co (GW). Several additional reports from ne. Illlinois in particular may apply to reintroduced resident populations (subspecies *anatum*). One additional report of subspecies *tundrius*: 24 Apr, Union Co (DFS). Observers are encouraged to report subspecific identi-fications where possible.

Gray Partridge
One report: 2, near Cherry (Bureau Co), 15 May (JH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken
MC: 65 males, Pr.Rdg, 6 Apr (JW, SS); 15 males, Effingham Co booming grounds, 15 May (MAH)—record high count for site; 10, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM).

Wild Turkey
MC: 50+, Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co), 7 Mar (AA et al.); 45, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 11, Mermet L, 1 Apr (KM); 7, near Chau, 13 May (R&SBj); 4, North Fork Salt Creek, Le Roy (McLean Co), 20 Apr (MLR).

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 6, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 6, Carroll & Mercer Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK).

Yellow Rail
EA: **27 Mar**, Clin.L (RC). LD: 10 May, Kidd L (DK). No other data.

King Rail
EA: 24 Apr, Telegraph Road (Winnebago Co) (RM). LD: 15-25 May (1-2 individuals), Buttonbush Slough (southwest Cook Co) (GW et al.); 18 May, Pr.Rdg (JW); 8 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW).

Virginia Rail
EA: 3 Apr, Chi (JL); 5 Apr, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KM); 14 Apr, Rockford (DW); 18 Apr, Clin.L (RC). MC: 14, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 6, Palos, 15 May (EW, MLR, JE); 4, Powder Horn L, LCal, 25 Apr (WM). LD: 27 May (2), Pr.Rdg (JW); 12 May, JP (DA); 12 May, Boone Co (KM).

Sora
EA: **19 Mar**, Pr.Rdg (JW, SS)—second earliest for state; 5 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 10 Apr, Clin.L (RC, MLR); 18 Apr (6), LCal (WM). MC: 25, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DW); 13, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 10, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 1 May (DW); 8, Kidd L, 2 May (DK). LD: 26 May, Vermilion Co (JOS); 15 May, Pr.Rdg (JW).

PURPLE GALLINULE
At least **six records** involving seven individuals (with rumor of additional unsubmitted records), as follows: 7-10 May, Montrose (*JL, TB-ph., m.ob.); 11-25 May, Anderson Gardens, Rockford (TG, *BW, m.ob.); 12-13 May, WlkRen Marsh (*DJS, RCF); 15-18 May (2), Carl.L (Fayette Co) *MD, *DK, AS-ph.); 19-24 May, Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co) (*AR, JSc); 26 May, Ron Beese Park, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). **An unprecedented influx.** There are about 38 previous records for IL. See separate article in this issue for details and a photograph.

Common Moorhen
EA: 22 Apr, LCal (WM); 23 Apr, Arcola (RC); 8 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co)—"1st confirmed appearance of this species in this county in more than 20 years" (DW); 8 May, Boone Co (AB). MC: 5, Kidd L, 2 May (DK); 3, Eggers Woods, LCal, 4 May (DFS). LD: 29 May (2), LCal (EW, WM); 25 May, McDonald Woods FP (Lake Co) (SH); 23 May, JP (PC, KC); 19 May, no. Carroll Co (KJM, BP). Several strays reported from unusual sites.

American Coot
EA: 12 Feb (18), JP (PC). MC: 3184, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj); 1500, Jo Daviess Co, 3 Apr (DW); 1000, CypCrk, 1 Apr (KM); 700, CrabOr, 7 Apr (KM); 605, Wolf L, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 30 May (2), La Salle L (C&JMc); 20 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM).

Sandhill Crane
EA: **30 Jan** (4), La Salle Co (C&JMc); **6 Feb**, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (DFS); **6 Feb**, Clin.L (RC); **7 Feb** (105), Chi (JL); 19 Feb, Hamilton Reservoir, Palatine (Cook Co) (CF); 2 Mar (36), Olney (Richland Co) (LH). MC: **4650**, Westchester (Cook Co), 20 Mar (DFS)—**record spring high count** and second highest all-time count for IL; 257, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 15 Mar (AA). LD: 23 May (2+), Boone Co (AB); 21 May, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 8 May (3), LCal (*WM). This species' sparse wintering population partly obscures migration data, but this year's late Jan and early Feb dates may represent record early arrival dates for migrants.

Black-bellied Plover
EA: **22 Apr**, CypCrk (RSM)—second earliest IL arrival date; 8 May (3), near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH); 12 May (2), Wauk (EW). MC: 5, McLean Co, 16 May (MLR); 5, Bureau and La Salle Cos, 18 May (JH). LD: **25 Jun**, GrtLakes (EW)—record late IL departure date; 28 May, La Salle L (C&JMc); 22 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (RC); 8 May, Carl.L (DK).

American Golden-Plover
EA: 24 Mar (12), Vermilion Co (JOS); 27 Mar (550), Kinmundy (Marion Co) (KM); 3 Apr (2), no. Kendall Co (DFS). MC: 5000, nw. Vermilion Co and ne. Champaign Co, 17 Apr (RC); 2500, near Pr.Rdg, 18 Apr (MAH); 550, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 513, near Earlville (La Salle Co), 18 May (JH). LD: 21 May, near La Moille (Bureau Co) (JH); 15 May (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS).

Semipalmated Plover
EA: 24 Apr (3), CypCrk (KM, IOS); 1 May (11), LShel (RC); 15 May (3), LCal (EW, MLR, JE). MC: 22, se. Boone Co, 13 May (WS); 20, IL R near Peru (La Salle Co), 24 May (JH); 17, LShel, 9 May (RC); 17, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 19 May (HW); 10, Rock Island Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 8, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 15 Jun, GrtLakes (EW); 30 May (3), Pulaski Co (KM, IOS); 26 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Killdeer
EA: **27 Jan** (5), Sangchris L SP (Christian/Sangamon Cos) (DB, RC); **30 Jan** (4), **LCal** (JL); 6 Feb, McLean Co (MLR); 11 Feb (3), DeerG East (CF); 11 Feb, JP (PC)—record early arrival for site. MC: 75, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 44, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 43, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 28 May (DW); 19, Chau, 17 Apr (R&SBj). Other: one "almost white", near Mendota (La Salle Co), 18 May (JH). Near-record early arrivals in no. IL.

Black-necked Stilt
Two reports: 22 Apr (2), CypCrk (RSM); 25 Apr, Wabash Co (LH-ph.).

American Avocet
EA: 19 May, north of Waukegan beach (Lake Co) (AFS, SH). LD: 27 May, Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). Only two reports.

Greater Yellowlegs
EA: 25 Mar, CypCrk (KM); 28 Mar, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (JH); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP and Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 20, Pulaski Co, 5 Apr (KM); 8, Carl.L, 8 May (DK). LD: 30 May, Kidd L (DK); 20 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Lesser Yellowlegs
EA: **11 Feb**, Porter Bottoms Road (Johnson Co) (*SO)—**record early IL arrival by three days**; 1 Mar (5), Pulaski Co (KM); 28 Mar, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (JH); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP and Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 3 Apr (4), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 200, Pulaski Co, 1 Apr (KM); 200, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM); 100+, Champaign (Champaign Co), 21 Apr (RC); 96, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 91, Heyworth (McLean Co), 29 Apr (MLR). LD: 30 May, Pulaski Co (KM, IOS); 21 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Solitary Sandpiper
EA: 2 Apr (2), Carl.L (DK); 10 Apr, Clin.L (RC et al.); 18 Apr (2), O'Hare Post Office ponds (Cook Co) (DD). MC: 21, so. Franklin Co and no. Williamson Co, 25 Apr (LS); 12, LCal, 8 May (WM). LD: 21 May, JP (PC); 20 May, near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 19 May (2), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (HW).

Willet
EA: 18 Apr, Royalton (Franklin Co) (LS); 26 Apr, IL R near Spring Valley (La Salle Co) (JH); 7 May, Decatur (MD)—the only report from central IL. MC: **69**, so. Clinton Co, 27 Apr (KM)—**record spring high count** and second-highest all-time count for IL; 29, Union and Pulaski Cos, 26 Apr (KM); 5, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh). LD: 27-28 May, Montrose (GW).

Spotted Sandpiper
EA: 5 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 20 Apr, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DW); 22 Apr, JP (RDM). MC: 30, LCal, 8 May (WM); 21, Evanston, 27 May (EW); 17, Chau, 13 May (R&SBj); 15, Mermet L, 1 May (KM). LD: 14 Jun, JP (KC); 31 May, Evanston (EW); 20 May (2), McLean Co (KM, MLR).

Upland Sandpiper
EA: 14 Apr, Collison (Vermilion Co) (RC); 17 Apr (3), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 17 Apr, Carl.L (Bond Co) (DK). MC: 5, Pr.Rdg, 4 May (JW, EK).

Whimbrel
MC: 5, JP, 24 May (KC)—the only report.

Hudsonian Godwit
MC: 3, near Earlville (La Salle Co), 19 May (JH)—the only report.

Marbled Godwit
EA: 27 Apr, Carl.L (Co?) (KM)—the only report.

Ruddy Turnstone
EA: 8 May, Carl.L (DK); 13 May, Wauk (DW); 19 May (2), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 12, JP, 24 May (KC); 7, Wauk, 19 May (CF). LD: 15 Jun, GrtLakes (EW); 2 Jun, Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

Sanderling
EA: 12 May (20), Wauk (EW). MC: **65**, Wauk, 31 May (EW)—ties record spring high count (from same site, 27 May 1989). LD: 9 Jun (2), Evanston (EW); 2 Jun, Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS); 30 May (3), La Salle L (C&JMc).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
EA: 8 May statewide (m.ob.). MC: 200, Union Co, 29 May (KM); 150, Jackson Co, 29 May (KM); 44, GrtLakes, 10 Jun (EW). LD: **25 Jun**, GrtLakes (EW)—record late date; 30 May (10), Pulaski Co (KM); 31 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC).

Western Sandpiper
EA: 8 May, Fairmount Quarry (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 9 May (2), LShel (RC). LD: 22 May, Winnebago Co (JM).

Least Sandpiper
EA: 10 Apr (7), Pulaski Co (KM); 23 Apr, Pesotum (Champaign Co) (RC); 4 May, Wilmette (EW). MC: 90, Rock Island Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 74, LCal, 8 May (WM); 60, Decatur, 8 May (MD); 50, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 22 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (KM); 22 May, near La Moille (Bureau Co) (JH).

White-rumped Sandpiper
EA: 8 May statewide (m.ob.). MC: 18, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL); 6, se. Boone Co, 13 May (WS); 5, LCal, 9 May (AFS). LD: 9 Jun (2), JP (PC); 29 May, Union Co (KM, IOS); 23 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (RC).

Baird's Sandpiper
EA: 1 May, LShel (RC); 19 May, Rock Island Co (KJM, BP).

Pectoral Sandpiper
EA: 25 Mar (10), Jackson Co (KM); 27 Mar, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 28 Mar (6), JP (DFS); 28 Mar (20), LCal (WM); 31 Mar (10), Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 1000, McLean Co, 21 Apr (MLR); 1000, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM); 400+, so. Champaign Co, 23 Apr (RC); 201, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj); 175, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 30 Apr (DW). LD: 29 May, Union Co (KM, IOS); 20 May, O'Hare Post Office ponds (Cook Co) (DD); 18 May, near La Moille (Bureau Co) (JH).

Dunlin
EA: 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 17 Apr, Heyworth (McLean Co) (Todd Bugg fide MLR); 30 Apr (2), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW). MC: 150, Carl.L, 15 May (DK); 50, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 19 May (HW); 30, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 May (CT); 25+, Wilmette, 18 May (EW). LD: 19 Jun (2), GrtLakes (EW); 26 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH); 23 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (RC).

Stilt Sandpiper
EA: 26 Apr (2), Union Co (KM); 30 Apr (2), McLean Co (MLR); 8 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH); 9 May (3), LCal (GW). MC: **20**, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 8, Decatur, 8 May (MD); 6, Heyworth (McLean Co), 6 May (MLR). LD: 15 May (3), LCal (EW, MLR, JE).

Short-billed Dowitcher
EA: 5 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (AR, m.ob.); 8 May, Shab.L (DJS). MC: 63, LCal, 15 May (EW, MLR, JE); 30, Rock Island Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 18, Decatur, 8 May (MD); 16, Carl.L (Co?), 8 May (KM, RH, VL). LD: 22 May (4), Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co) (EW); 22 May, near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH).

Long-billed Dowitcher
EA: 1 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 3 Apr, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 4, Union Co, 10 Apr (KM). LD: 15 May (2), LCal (EW, MLR, JE); 9 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC); 9 May, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). In the absence of documentation, reports of this species from late May have been suppressed.

Common Snipe
EA: 4 Mar (3), HL (KM); 15 Mar, Urbana (RC); 28 Mar (3), Boone Co (AB); 28 Mar, JP (PC, RDM). MC: 110, Massac Co, 17 Apr (KM); 100+, Clin.L, 10 Apr (RC); 30, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 28, O'Hare Post Office ponds (Cook Co), 1 Apr (DD); 16, Pr.Rdg, 24 Mar (JW, EK). LD: 15 May, LCal (JE, EW, MLR); 8 May, Franklin Co (LS).

American Woodcock
EA: **29 Jan** (2), Pr.Rdg (JW, SS); 5 Feb, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KM); 21 Feb, Homer L (Champaign Co) (RC); 28 Feb (5), Wolf Road Prairie (Cook Co) (DFS). MC: **43**, Pr.Rdg, 12 Mar (JW); 9 (displaying males), Urbana, 17 Mar (RC). LD: 31 May, JP (KC); 29 May, Nashville (Washington Co) (DK).

Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 20 Apr, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 5 May (2), Winnebago Co (DW); 8 May (3), Lake Co (CF). MC: 9, LCal, 9 May (GW); 5, near Earlville (La Salle Co), 8 May (JH). LD: 19 May (2), Rock Island Co (KJM, BP); 9 May (pr), Wabash Co (LH); 9 May, Atwood (Douglas Co) (RC); 8 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM, VL, RH); 8 May (2), Decatur (MD).

Red-necked Phalarope
LD: 28 May (female), crossroads of La Salle Co 6 & 15 (La Salle Co) (C&JMc-ph.)—the only report.

Laughing Gull
EA: 3-11 May (ad.), Evanston (EW-ph.); 6 May (ad.), Wauk (DJ); 8 May, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (*LS). MC: 2, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 10 May (RSM). LD: 27 May (ad.), JP (PC, KC); 13 May, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS). Others: 2 (ad. and 2nd summer), GrtLakes, 31 May into summer (EW).

Franklin's Gull
EA: 28 Mar (ad.), HL (FH); 10 Apr (ad.), Wauk (SH, JM, AFS); 13 Apr (ad.), Spfld (MD); 25 Apr, La Salle L (C&JMc); 1 May, LShel (RC). LD: 31 May (2—1st summer), GrtLakes (EW); 28-31 May, La Salle L (C&JMc); 28 May, Montrose (GW); 27 May (imm.), JP (KC); 26 May (subad.), JP (PC); 25 May (1st summer), Evanston (EW); 21 May, Wauk (AFS); 19 May, GrantP (DFS); 16 May, Carl.L (DK).

Bonaparte's Gull
EA: 28 Mar (22), Shab.L (DJS); 1 Apr (23), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 6 Apr (16), Evanston (EW). MC: "**3000-5000+**" = "**10,000+**", Wauk, 17 Apr (SH; JM)—total numbers difficult to assess, but likely the largest concentrations since all-time record highs of 1996; 2250, Evanston, 26 Apr (EW); 1800 southbound in 1/2 hour, Wauk, 27 Apr (DD); 400, CrabOr, 1 Mar (KM); 220, Clin.L, 27 Mar (RC); 150, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK). LD: 5 Jun (2), JP (KC, PC); 5 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 5 Jun (2 imm.), GrtLakes (JE); 31 May (113—some summering?), GrtLakes (EW); 8 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM, RH, VL).

Ring-billed Gull
MC: **20,000**, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 5500, HL, 15 Mar (KM); 1400, JP, 31 Mar (PC); 1380, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 1050, GrantP, 13 May (DFS). LD: 22 May (9, "late migrants"), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW).

Herring Gull
MC: 350, GrantP, 4 Mar (DFS); 103, JP, 16 Apr (PC). LD (south): 15 May (2), Carl.L (DK); 1 May, CrabOr (KM).

Thayer's Gull
EA: 4 Mar (ad.), Gillson Park, Wilmette (DFS); 13 Mar, IBSP (SH). MC: 2 (ad.), Evanston, 30 Mar (JE). LD: 6 Apr (1st year), GrantP (DFS). See also **Corrigenda** below.

Iceland Gull
EA: 4 Mar (ad.), GrantP (DFS); 7 Mar (1st year), IBSP (AFS); 25 Mar (1st year "Kumlien's"), Wilmette (JE). LD: 23 Apr (2nd summer), Evanston (EW); 21 Apr (2nd year "Kumlien's"), Wilmette (JE); 10 Apr (3rd year nominate subspecies), JP (PC); 10 Apr, IBSP (JM, SH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
EA: 4 Mar (2—ad., 1st year), GrantP (DFS); 4 Mar (ad.), JP (PC); 5 Mar, Gages L, Wildwood (Lake Co) (SH); 19 Mar (ad.), GrantP (DFS); 28 Mar (ad.), Wilmette (JE). LD: 20 May (3rd year), Montrose (GW); 23 Apr and 28 Apr (ad.), Evanston (EW); 17 Apr (2nd summer), Evanston (EW).

Glaucous Gull
EA: 14 Feb (2nd year), JP (PC). MC: 2 (ad., 1st year), Wauk, 10 Apr (JM, SH). LD: **1 May** (1st year), **LShel** (*RC); 22 Apr, Chi (JL).

Great Black-backed Gull
EA: 3 Mar (1st year), GrantP (DFS); 4 Mar (1st year), JP (PC)—same bird?. LD: 28 Apr (1st year), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

Black-legged Kittiwake
LD: One report with no details: 17 Apr (1st year), Wauk. Spring records of this species generally merit documentation.

Caspian Tern
EA: 6 Apr (2), JP (PC, KC); 17 Apr, Danville (Vermilion Co) (SB et al.); 27 Apr (4), Carl.L (Co?) (KM). MC: 120+, JP, 23 Apr (PC); 92, Evanston, 1 May (EW); 37, Wauk, 12 May (DW); 5, Carl.L (Co?), 10 May (KM); 2, Chau, 8 May (R&SBj). LD: 29 May, Jackson Co (KM, IOS). Records well into June along L Michigan.

Common Tern
EA: 22 Apr, Chi (JL). MC: 300+, JP, 18 May (KC); 80, Evanston, 23 May (EW); 33, Chau, 13 May (R&SBj). LD: 31 May (6), GrtLakes (EW); 22 May (4), Heyworth (McLean Co) (CMA).

Forster's Tern
EA: 7 Apr (3), Mermet L (KM); 10 Apr, Clin.L (Du Page Co Audubon Society et al.); 13 Apr, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 17 Apr, Carroll Co (DW). MC: 54, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 15, Mermet L, 24 Apr (KM, IOS); 12, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 8 May (LS); 5, Chau, 29 Apr (R&SBj). LD: **15 Jun** (1st year), east of East Cape Girardeau (**Alexander Co**) (MLR); 15 Jun (subad.), GrtLakes (EW); 18 May (2), HL (KM).

Least Tern
EA: 18 May, HL (KM). MC: 6, Wabash Co, 21 May (LH); 4, Mississippi Levee Road (Jackson Co), 23 May (RSM); 3, Union Co, 29 May (KM). Others: 29 May, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (DK, MD, AS); 30 May, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (MLR).

Black Tern
EA: 6 May (6), Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (CF); 7 May, Evanston (EW); 7 May (2), HL (KM); 8 May, Rock R, Rockford (RM); 9 May (2), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR); 9 May, Arcola (RC). MC: 250, Carroll Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 50, HL, 18 May (KM); 12, Arcola, 8 May (MD); 11, Heyworth (McLean Co), 22 May (CMA); 6, Chau, 20 May (R&SBj). LD: 31 May (2), GrtLakes (EW); 25 May, Del Monte ponds near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 23 May (5), Jacob and Gorham (Jackson Co) (RSM).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE
This species still requires IORC review, but few observers are bothering to prepare documentations. Some of the following reports may apply to unestablished Ringed Turtle-Doves. MC: 3, Newton (Jasper Co), throughout period (*JW, EK). LD: 30 May, Kankakee Co (GW); 25 May, near Midway Airport (Chicago) (GW). Others: 20 Mar - 14 Apr (probably this species), Montrose (JL, GW); 8 May and 15 May, Urbana—present for two years (RC).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE
EA: 26 Apr (ad.), Montrose (*RDH, JHP, KH)—**second IL record**.

Mourning Dove
MC: 150, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK). LD: 4 May (16), JP (PC).

Monk Parakeet
MC: 20, JP, 24 Apr (see photos), 8 May (PC et al.); 13, Calumet Park, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS). Other: 21 Apr, Evanston (JE). This introduced species has been accepted as established in IL, as of the publication of the IORC *Checklist of Illinois State Birds* on 24 Apr 1999.

Black-billed Cuckoo
EA: 6 May, JP (JDH); 7 May, Snyder Grove Park near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 8 May, M.View (MLR). MC: 3, Bloomington (McLean Co), 22 May (DK). LD: 2 Jun, JP (JR); 31 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC); 28 May, Green R CA (Lee Co) (C&JMc).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
EA: 30 Apr, M.View (MLR); 1 May, Union Co (KM, FB, RSM, VL); 4 May, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS). MC: 11, Akin (Franklin Co), 8 May (LS); 8, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 8, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 15 May (RC, GL, EC); 8, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 12 Jun, Evanston (EW).

BARN OWL
Three reports: 3 Apr (male), Union Co (DK); 7 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 29 May (3 young at known nest locations), Union Co (KM). The IORC continues to solicit any and all data on this endangered species, but it no longer requires documentation for records from this species' established breeding sites in southern IL.

Eastern Screech-Owl
MC: 8, Rockford, 8 May (DW); 3, Akin (Franklin Co), 8 May (LS); 2, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 23 Apr (KM, IOS).

Great Horned Owl
MC: 6, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 3, Kidd L, 10 May (DK).

Barred Owl
MC: 4, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL); 4, Franklin Co, 8 May (LS); 3, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 May (KJM, BP).

Long-eared Owl
MC: 3, Carl.L 13-27 Mar (DK); 3, Christopher Reservoir (Franklin Co), 27 Mar (LS). LD: 11 Apr, LCal (WM).

Short-eared Owl
EA: 1 Mar, Ferrin (Clinton Co) (DK); 20 Mar, Chi (JL); 24 Mar, Urbana (RC). MC: 15, Pr.Rdg, 25 Mar (JW, EK). LD: 1 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (RC); 29 Apr (2), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 9 Apr (2), Peabody R King Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co) (TUM). See also **Corrigenda** on page 158.

Northern Saw-whet Owl
LD: 5 Apr, JP (TB). Other: 6 Mar, Allerton Park (Piatt Co) (RC).

Common Nighthawk
EA: 27 Apr, Red Bud (Randolph Co) (DK); 30 Apr, Urbana (RC); 6 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (CF). MC: 60, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co), 18 May (JH); 38, McLean Co, 19 May (MLR); 25, HL, 27 May (KM); 16, Westchester (Cook Co), 27 May (DFS). LD: 29 May (9, apparently still migrating), Rockford (DW).

Chuck-will's-widow
EA: 24 Apr (2), Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (DFS); 26 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM). MC: 5, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 29 May (KM, IOS). Other: 18 May (road-killed specimen, collected), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK).

Whip-poor-will
EA: 17 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 23 Apr (male), JP (PC, KC); 30 Apr, Buffalo Rock I&M access (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). MC: 13, Akin (Franklin Co), 8 May (LS); 10+, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 26 Apr (KM); 10, Rock Island & Mercer Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 4, Cook Co, 15 May (GW).

Chimney Swift
EA: 5 Apr, Union Co (KM); 10 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DK); 11 Apr, Urbana (RC); 18 Apr, LCal (WM). MC: 269, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 250, Rockford, 6 May (DW); 80, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
EA: **9 Apr**, Pomona (KM)—ties record early IL arrival; 1 May, LShel (RC); 5 May, JP (KC). MC: **23** (breeding population), Christopher Reservoir (Franklin Co), 29-31 May (LS); 5, Urbana, 15 May (RC, GL, EC); 4, Ryerson CA, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 23 May (WS). LD: 23 May (female), JP (PC).

Belted Kingfisher
EA: 27 Feb, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 24 Mar (male), JP (KC, PC). MC: 7, Mermet L, 17 Apr (KM); 4, JP, 30 Mar (KC).

Red-headed Woodpecker
EA: 15 Apr, Skokie (Cook Co) (EW); 28 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 4 May, Rockford (DW). MC: 10, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 9, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 4, Pulaski Co, 26 Apr (KM); 4, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 14 May (C&JMc). LD: 6 Jun, Lincoln Park, Chi (TS); 26 May, GrantP (DFS). Poor numbers in so. IL (KM)

Red-bellied Woodpecker
EA: 20 Apr, JP (PC). MC: 24, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 21, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 13, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL). LD: 20 May, JP (PC, KC); 18 May, GrantP (DFS). Birds in passage more evident than usual at JP (PC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
EA: 28 Mar, Urbana (RC); 28 Mar (2), Union Co (KM); 31 Mar (3), Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS). MC: **31**, Eggers Woods, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 18, JP, 21 Apr (PC, KC); 2, Union Co, 28 Mar (KM). LD: 19 May (2), MsPal (KJM, BP); 13 May, GrantP (DFS); 18 Apr, Heron Pond (KM).

Downy Woodpecker
MC: 24, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 15, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 15, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 12, Pomona, 1 Apr (KM).

Hairy Woodpecker
MC: 6, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 4, Black Hawk SP (Rock Island Co), 1 May (KJM); 3, Pomona, 11 Apr (KM). Other: 5 Mar (vagrant), Wilmette (EW). Poor numbers in so. IL (KM).

Northern Flicker
EA: 28 Mar, JP (PC); 3 Apr, Skokie (Cook Co) (EW). MC: **238**, JP and Washington Park, Chi, 25 Apr (PC); **161**, JP, 21 Apr (PC); 39, Jackson Co, 28 Mar (KM); 14, Urbana, 31 Mar (RC). LD: 4 Jun (male), GrantP (DFS). **Record IL high counts** at JP, where present in remarkable numbers 11-30 Apr; this concentration was evidently rather local.

Pileated Woodpecker
MC: 7, Union Co, 1 Apr (KM); 4, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 2, Chau, 25 Mar - 1 Apr (R&SBj).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
EA: 7 May, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM); 8 May, Urbana (RC, GL); 12 May, WlkRen Marsh (DJS). MC: 2, Somme Woods Prairie (Cook Co), 21 May (AFS); 2, Ryerson CA, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 23 May (WS). LD: 6 Jun, IBSP (DFS); 28 May, rural La Salle Co (C&JMc). A weak passage.

Eastern Wood-Pewee
EA: 25 Apr, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 25 Apr, Heron Pond (DW); 1 May, LShel (RC); 2 May, JP (MJS et al.); 8 May, Snyder Grove Park near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH). MC: 23, GrantP, 18 May (DFS); 9, Franklin Co, 8 May (LS); 8, Carl.L (Co?), 10 May (KM). LD: 5 Jun (2), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS); 5 Jun, Evanston (EW).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
EA: 10 May, JP (KC, JR); 12 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May (2), WlkRen Marsh (DW). MC: 8, GrantP, 18 May (DFS). LD: 6 Jun (2), IBSP (DFS); 5 Jun, JP (PC); 29 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DW).

Acadian Flycatcher
EA: 26 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 4 May, JP (KC); 6 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 12, Starved Rock SP and Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 30 May (C&JMe); 10, Buckner (Franklin Co), 29-31 May (LS); 6, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL). LD: 29 May, Urbana (RC).

"Traill's Flycatcher"
MC: **38** (including 2 Alder, 6 Willow), GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 26 (excludes identified Willow and Alder Flycatchers), GrantP, 18 May (DFS).

Alder Flycatcher
EA: 7 May, Decatur (MD); 10 May, Evanston (JE). MC: 7, Carl.L, 15 May (DK); 3, Urbana, 29 May (RC); see also "Traill's Flycatcher." LD: 7 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 31 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC); 20 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM). Other: Territorial individual, Green R CA (Lee Co), 28 May into June (C&JMe).

Willow Flycatcher
EA: 5 May, Wilmette (EW); 7 May, Evanston (JE); 8 May, statewide (m.ob.). MC: 11, Green R CA (Lee Co), 28 May (JH); 7, GrantP, 18 May (DFS); see also "Traill's Flycatcher." LD: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 30 May, Alexander Co (KM, IOS). Poor spring in so. IL (KM).

Least Flycatcher
EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 2 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 3 May (9), JP (PC, m.ob.). MC: **93**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.)—second highest count for state; 39, JP, 11 May (PC); 30+, Urbana, 11 May (RC); 12, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 11 May (DJS); 7, Carl.L (Co?), 10 May (KM). LD: 6 Jun, IBSP (DFS); 30 May, Urbana (RC); 22 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM). Very impressive numbers at GrantP (DFS).

Eastern Phoebe
EA: 5 Mar, Urbana (RC); 19 Mar, Rockford (DW); 23 Mar, JP (fide KC). MC: **28**, Urbana, 31 Mar (RC); 22, JP, 8 Apr (KC, PC); 7, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 5, Apple R Canyon (Jo Daviess Co), 3 Apr (DW). LD: 14 May, GrantP (DFS).

Great Crested Flycatcher
EA: 23 Apr, UCCA (C&JMe); 26 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 2 May (2), JP (MJS, KC); 4 May, Rockford (DW). MC: 17, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 13, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL); 12, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 11 Jun, Evanston (EW).

Western Kingbird
EA: 17 May, **GrantP** (DFS); 18 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (KM); 20 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC).

Eastern Kingbird
EA: **9 Apr**, Heron Pond (KM)—second earliest IL arrival; 16 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (RSM); 23 Apr, Arcola (RC); 24 Apr, near Leonore (La Salle Co) (JH); 1 May, Rockford (DW); 1 May, DeerG East (CF). MC: 22, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 12, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 8 May (AA). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC).

GRAY KINGBIRD
15 May, Carl.L (*DK, MiS-ph.)—**FIRST IL AND REGIONAL RECORD**, and 421st species accepted to IORC's state list. See article and photo in this issue.

TROPICAL/COUCH'S KINGBIRD
3 Jun 1999, Monroe Co (*DK, JM-ph.)– **FIRST IL RECORD.** See article and photo in this issue.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
EA: 24 Apr (female?), Big Muddy R Bridge on Highway No. 3 (Union Co) (*TM, SK); 8 May, Monroe Co (JS, MR, BE). LD: 30 May (male), Chi (JL); 18 May, Pr.Rdg (*JW, EK, SS); 16 May, Wabash Co (LH). There are nearly 60 IL records for this distinctive species, and in recent years it has been recorded annually. The IORC has accordingly dropped this species from its review list.

Loggerhead Shrike
EA: 27 Mar, Winnebago Co (DW); 1 Apr, Akin (Franklin Co) (LS); 8 Apr, near Clear L (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 14 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS). MC: **34** (on territory), Pr.Rdg, 8 Apr (JW)—record single-party high count; 3, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 29 May (KM, IOS). LD: 25 Apr, Christian Co (GW). Small numbers at additional sites in so. IL.

Northern Shrike
Three reports of singles from no. IL: 8 Mar, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (JH); 12-13 Mar, IBSP (SH, AFS); 21 Mar, Boone Co (AB).

White-eyed Vireo
EA: 5 Apr, Pomona (KM); 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, JP (DES, PC); 2 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS). MC: 14, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 7 (breeding population), Christopher Reservoir (Franklin Co), 31 May (LS); 6, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 4, JP, 3 May (PC); 4, LCal, 19 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, Rockford (DW); 15 May (2), McDowell (Du Page Co) (JPo); 12 May (male), JP (PC). Exceptionally conspicuous in no. counties.

Bell's Vireo
EA: 29 Apr, Logan (Franklin Co) (LS); 1 May, Carl.L (DK); 8 May, Rock Run Reserve, Joliet (Will Co) (CMA); 11 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May - end of period, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (C&JMe). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 8 May (JW, EK); 4, Carl.L, 8 May (DK).

Yellow-throated Vireo
EA: 7 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 29 Apr, Chau (R&SBj); 2 May (3), JP (MJS, PC). MC: 10, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 7, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM); 4, Palos, 7 May (DFS). LD: 22 May, Urbana (RC); 15 May, JP (KC).

Blue-headed Vireo
EA: 22 Apr, JP (PC, KC)—record early date for site; 29 Apr (2), Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos (DFS); 1 May, Carl.L (DK); 2 May (2), Urbana (RC). LD: 15 May, JP (KC); 15 May, Carl.L (DK); 11 May (2), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 11 May, MsPal, 11 May (KJM, VK). High counts reported did not exceed two birds.

Warbling Vireo
EA: **7 Apr**, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM)—**earliest IL arrival**; 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 29 Apr (3), Chau (R&SBj); 1 May (3), I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 2 May (5), JP (PC, m.ob.); 2 May (2), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS). MC: **37** (breeding population), LCal, 19 May (DFS); 20, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 13, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 15 May (KJM, BP). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Philadelphia Vireo
EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 3 May, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 3 May (2), Urbana (RC); 8 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW); 9 May, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 10 May, JP (VM). MC: 6, Urbana, 23 May (RC); 3, Chicago lakefront (Cook Co), 16 May (WS). LD: 28 May, Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos (DFS). No improvement over last year's terrible migration by this species.

Red-eyed Vireo
EA: **11 Apr**, Pomona (KM)—ties for earliest IL arrival; 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May, Evanston (EW). MC: **68**, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 40+, Urbana, 11 May (RC); 20, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 18, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK). LD: 5 Jun, so. Chi (DFS). Numbers overall 40% below spring 1998 and 75% below spring 1997 (DFS).

Blue Jay
EA: 10 Apr, Evanston (EW); 29 Apr, JP (PC). MC: 143, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 79, Evanston, 7 May (EW); 34, JP, 9 May (KC). LD: 14 Jun (2), JP (PC).

American Crow
MC: 300, Madison Co, 4 Mar (KM); 100, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS). Other: partial albino (all white except head and rear), Chi, 5 Mar (WM).

Fish Crow
EA: 1 Mar, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co) (KM). MC: 9, Union Co, 5 Apr (KM). Others: 30 May, American Bottoms (Monroe Co) (DK). "Proving to be more common" in Jackson and Pulaski Cos (RSM)

Horned Lark
EA: 11 Feb (2), JP (PC). MC: 155, eastern Kendall Co, 7 Mar (DFS); 42, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 40, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM). LD: **15 May** (3), Lincoln Park and Rainbow Park, Chi (EW, MLR, JE).

Purple Martin
EA: **21 Mar, IBSP** (*CF)—record early arrival for no. IL by four days; 22 Mar, St. Clair Co (KM); 27 Mar, Carl.L (DK); 14 Apr, Danville (Vermilion Co) (RC); 17 Apr (4), Carroll Co (DW); 18 Apr (20), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). MC: 85, Mermet L, 28 Mar (KM); 49, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP); 44, UCCA, 24 Apr (DFS). LD: 6 Jun (2 females), JP (PC).

Tree Swallow
EA: **27 Feb**, Franklin Co (LS); 17 Mar, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR); 20 Mar, Palos (CMA); 21 Mar, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: "thousands", Chau, 6 May (R&SBj); 1300, Union County Conservation Area (Union Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 800, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 600, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 20 Apr (CF). LD: 8 May (4), Evanston (EW, JE, MSh).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
EA: 25 Mar (3), Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM); 3 Apr, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 10 Apr (30), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 10 Apr, M.View (MLR); 11 Apr (2), JP (PC, KC). MC: 80, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 30 Apr (CK&JDM); 75, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 19 May (KJM, BP); 40, Mermet L, 18 Apr (KM); 35, LCal, 8 May (WM).

Bank Swallow
EA: 10 Apr, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 10 Apr, Little Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 14 Apr, Kennekuk Cove Park (Vermilion Co) (RC); 21 Apr (2), JP (KC). MC: **1500**, HL, 7 May (KM); 400, LCal, 8 May (WM); 250, Heyworth (McLean Co), 6 May (MLR); 170, Palos, 7 May (DFS). LD: 5 Jun, Evanston (EW).

Cliff Swallow
EA: 2 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 10 Apr, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 23 Apr, Arcola (RC); 1 May, JP (DES). MC: 125, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 100, Heyworth (McLean Co), 6 May (MLR); 80, Evanston, 18 May (EW). LD: 29 May, Crittendon Township (Champaign Co) (RC).

Barn Swallow
EA: 28 Mar, UCCA (KM); 29 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW); 31 Mar, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 11 Apr (8), Boone Co (AB); 11 Apr, JP (RDM). MC: 579, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 300+, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DW); 270, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 150, Heyworth (McLean Co), 6 May (MLR); 105, Monroe Co, 28 Apr (KM).

Carolina Chickadee
MC: 25, Union Co, 1 Apr (KM); 22, Carl.L, 27 Mar. Other than SBC data, this year's counts for both Carolina and Black-capped Chickadees are the highest totals in the Illinois journals published since Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois*, but non-SBC information is so limited that it is impossible to assess the significance of this year's reports. Observers are encouraged to submit non-SBC data on resident and semi-resident species to help monitor population trends.

Black-capped Chickadee
MC: 50, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 43, Fox R valley (Kendall Co), 3 Apr (DFS); 40, Black Hawk SP (Rock Island Co), 1 May (KJM). See remarks at preceding species.

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 33, Union Co, 10 Apr (KM); 32, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 9, Black Hawk SP and Niabi Zoo (Rock Island Co), 30 Apr (KJM); 6, Fox R valley (Kendall Co), 3 Apr (DFS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
EA: 26 Apr, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS)—the only report.

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 20, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 16, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 4, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 26 Apr (KM).

Brown Creeper
EA: 1 Mar, Pomona (KM); 22 Mar (2), JP (PC). MC: 15, JP, 15 Apr (KC); 14, Urbana, 18 Apr (RC); 13, Eggers Woods, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 6, Pomona, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 14 May, Palatine (Cook Co) (CF); 11 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 24 Apr, Golconda War Bluff (Pope Co) (DW); 9 Apr, Pomona (KM). Records into June at Swallow Cliffs SP (Palos) suggest breeding (DFS).

Carolina Wren
MC: 18, Jackson Co, 7 Apr (KM); 9, Carl.L, 8 May (DK).

House Wren
EA: 8 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM); 17 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SB et al.); 22 Apr (2), JP (PC). MC: 43, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 40, Urbana, 28 Apr (RC); 25, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Winter Wren
EA: 1 Mar (2), Pomona (KM); 31 Mar, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS). MC: 11, JP, 25 Apr (PC); 7, Urbana, 31 Mar (RC); 7, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 6, Pomona, 7 Apr (KM). LD: **31 May** (**"male on territory"**), Du Pont Road (western Grundy Co) (C&JMc); 8 May, Vermilion Co (*JOS); 8 May, JP (*RDM); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 18 Apr, Heron Pond (KM).

Sedge Wren
EA: 22 Apr (4), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 25 Apr, Powder Horn L, LCal (WM); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC). MC: 15, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 4, American Bottoms (Monroe Co), 30 May (DK); 4, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 31 May (DW). LD: 22 May (2), Kieselburg FP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 19 May, Carroll Co (KJM, BP); 16 May, JP (REF); 10 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM). Low numbers.

Marsh Wren
EA: 1 Apr, CypCrk (KM); 9 Apr, Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (RC); 29 Apr, Des Plaines CA (DFS). MC: 9, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 6, Kidd L, 2 May (DK). LD: 13 May, JP (PC). Poor numbers.

Golden-crowned Kinglet
EA: 28 Mar (10), JP (PC, RDM); 1 Apr (3), Chau (R&SBj). MC: **100+**, Urbana, 31 Mar (RC); 35, Eggers Woods, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 16, Pomona, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 15 May, Wilmette (JE, MLR, EW); 5 May, Urbana (RC); 24 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (DFS).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
EA: 31 Mar, Urbana (RC); 3 Apr, CrabOr (DK); 4 Apr, Evanston (EW). MC: 50, JP, 23 Apr (KC, PC); 45, Urbana, 28 Apr (RC); 41, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 31, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 18, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM). LD: 28 May (male), Palatine (Cook Co) (CF); 19 May, Carroll Co (KJM); 14 May, HL (FH).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
EA: 1 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 2 Apr, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 3 Apr, Urbana (RC); 8 Apr, JP (PC); 17 Apr (3), Boone Co (AB). MC: 48, Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 45, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM); 40, Urbana, 28 Apr (RC); 19, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 16, JP, 8 May (PC, FKB). LD: 20 May, JP (PC).

Eastern Bluebird
EA: 27 Feb, L Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 19 Mar, Rockford (DW); 27 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 16, Union Co, 7 Apr (KM); 11, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 10, nw. IL (Carroll, Rock Island, Mercer Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 6, Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 15 May (AA). LD: **14 Jun**, JP (PC)—record late migrant date.

Veery
EA: 25 Apr, Heron Pond (DFS); 2 May, JP (fide PC); 2 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 17, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 6, JP, 12 May (PC); 5, Carroll Co, 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 30 May, JP (PC); 25 May, Rockford (DW); 8 May, so. Clinton Co (KM, MS, RH, VL).

Gray-cheeked Thrush
EA: 24 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (DFS); 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 27 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, Boone Co (AB); 2 May, JP (PC, DES). MC: 9, Grant Park, 18 May (DFS); 8, JP, 5 May (KC, PC); 6, Urbana, 5 May (RC); 5, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL). LD: 23 May, Urbana (RC); 20 May, Palos (DFS); 20 May, JP (PC). Another very poor spring.

Swainson's Thrush
EA: **11 Apr**, Urbana (*RC); 25 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 25 Apr (3), Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 26 Apr, GrantP (TS); 29 Apr, Chau (R&SBj). MC: 53, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 27, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 18, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 19 May (KJM, BP); 16, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL); 12, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS). LD: 3 Jun, JP (PC); 28 May, Urbana (RC); 14 May, HL (FH). Very poor numbers. See also **Corrigenda** below.

Hermit Thrush
EA: 27 Mar, Urbana (RC); 2 Apr, JP (JR); 7 Apr, Pomona (KM). MC: 36, JP, 22 Apr (PC); 30, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 5, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 10 Apr (KM). LD: 20 May, JP (PC); 5 May, Urbana (RC); 26 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM). Rather low numbers.

Wood Thrush
EA: 14 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM); 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 2 May (2), JP (PC et al.). MC: 10, Carroll Co, 11 May (KJM, VK); 8, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 6, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 6, Oswego (Kendall Co), 11 May (DFS). LD: 18 May, JP (PC, KC).

American Robin
EA: 4 Feb (40), St. Clair Co (KM); 12 Feb (33), JP (PC). MC: 715, JP, 28 Mar (KC, PC); 307, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 250, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 200, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 125, HL, 22 Mar (KM).

Gray Catbird
EA: 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 26 Apr (4), JP (KC, PC); 5 May, Boone Co (AB). MC: **161**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 73, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 62, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 31, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 30+, Urbana, 5 May (RC). LD: 30 May, Evanston (EW). Excellent numbers.

Northern Mockingbird
EA: 17 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 24 Apr, JP (PC). MC: 7, Jackson Co, 11 Apr (KM); 2, Wilmette, 3 May (JE). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 28 May, Montrose (GW); 22 May, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (EW).

Brown Thrasher
EA: 22 Mar, HL (KM); 30 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 2 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 9 Apr (3), JP (PC, KC). MC: 33, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 31, JP, 30 Apr (PC); 21, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 7, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM). LD: 27 May, Evanston (EW). Healthy numbers.

European Starling
EA: **11 Feb** (87+ migrants), JP (PC)—record early arrival for site. MC: 500, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 355, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 345, JP, 17 Mar (PC).

American Pipit (1st wave)
EA: 4 Mar (11), so. Clinton Co (KM); 7 Mar (5), UCCA (*DM, LM); 13 Mar, Leroy (McLean Co) (RC); 17 Mar, Evanston (EW). MC: **150**, Carl.L (Bond Co), 27 Mar (DK); 35, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 30, Tuscola (Douglas Co), 28 Mar (RC). LD: 7 Apr, Evanston (EW).

American Pipit (2nd wave)
EA: 30 Apr, Chi (JL); 1 May (8), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW); 1 May (6), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: **150**, Pr.Rdg, 22 Apr (JW, EK); 30, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 12, southwest Cook Co, 16 May (WS). LD: 19 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May (30), Clinton Co, as above.

Cedar Waxwing
EA (first passage): 31 Jan, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KM)—the only datum received on movements prior to May. EA (second passage): 3 May, Urbana (RC); 8 May (34), so. Clinton Co (KM, MS, RH, VL); 9 May (8), JP (WS, SC). MC: **748**, JP, 28 May (PC, KC); 120, Fullersberg Nature Center (Du Page Co), 24 May (DFS); 50, St. Clair Co, 14 May (KM). LD: 30 May (6), Mermet L (KM, IOS). Migrants continued well into June in north.

Blue-winged Warbler
EA: **11 Apr**, Pomona (KM)—second earliest IL arrival date; 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May (2), Evanston (EW). MC: 6, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 6, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 15 May (CT); 6, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW). LD: 16 May, JP (MJS); 15 May, Carl.L (DK). "**Brewster's Warbler**:" 4 May, Van Vlissengen Prairie (Cook Co) (DFS).

Golden-winged Warbler
EA: 26 Apr (2), Pomona (KM); 1 May, LShel (RC); 4 May (male), JP (FKB); 8 May, Winnebago Co (DW). MC: 4, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 3, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL). LD: 19 May (2), Carroll Co (KJM)—the only record received later than 8 May. An unaccountably terrible migration statewide.

Tennessee Warbler
EA: 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 25 Apr, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 26 Apr, Urbana (RC); 2 May, Rockford (DW); 3 May, JP (KEH, PC). MC: 200+, Urbana, 19 May (RC); 150+, Urbana, 11 May (RC); 53, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 40, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 35, Fults Hill Prairie (Monroe Co), 2 May (DK). LD: 2 Jun, Calumet Park, LCal (DFS); 28 May, Urbana (RC).

Orange-crowned Warbler
EA: **3 Apr**, Pomona (DK)—second earliest IL arrival date; 10 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM); 21 Apr, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 21 Apr, JP (DA). MC: 5, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 4, La Grange Woods FP (Cook Co), 9 May (DFS). LD: 22 May, GrantP (DFS); 19 May, Carroll Co (KJM, BP); 12 May (2), WlkRen Marsh (DJS); 8 May, Carl.L (DK); 26 Apr, Pomona (KM).

Nashville Warbler
EA: 18 Apr, Heron Pond (KM); 21 Apr, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 28 Apr (2), Urbana (RC); 2 May (2), JP (PC, m.ob.). MC: **60**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 36, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 25, GrantP, 13 May (DFS); 17, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 27 May, JP (KC). A poor season.

Northern Parula
EA: 3 Apr (4), UCCA (DK); 4 Apr, Urbana (RC); 23 Apr (male), JP (PC). MC: 18, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 3, MsPal, 11 May (KJM, VK); 2, Cook Co, 13-19 May (various observers). LD: 19 May (2), LCal (DFS). Poorly reported outside so. IL.

Yellow Warbler
EA: 24 Apr (3), Mermet L (KM); 25 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 26 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 28 Apr (6), Urbana (RC). MC: 45, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 35, LCal, 19 May (DFS). LD: 27 May (2), Evanston (EW).

Chestnut-sided Warbler
EA: 25 Apr (male), Heron Pond (DFS); 1 May, LShel (RC); 3 May (female), JP (PC, KC). MC: 30, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS); 30+, Urbana, 15 May (RC, GL, EC). LD: 2 Jun, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS); 31 May, Urbana (RC); 15 May, Carl.L (DK).

Magnolia Warbler
EA: 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 30 Apr, Pomona (KM); 3 May (male), JP (KEH, KC). MC: 30, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS); 28, LCal, 19 May (DFS); 25, JP, 17 May (PC); 18, Boone Co, 15 May (DW); 3, Carl.L (Co?), 10 May (KM). LD: 28 May, JP (KC). See also **Corrigenda** below.

Cape May Warbler
EA: 27 Apr (male), JP (PC)—record early arrival for site; 1 May, Union Co (KM, FB, RSM); 3 May, Rockford (DW); 4 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 12, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS); 5, JP, 12 May (PC); 4, M.View (MLR). LD: 26 May (female), JP (PC); 15 May (3), Table Grove (Fulton Co) (KM).

Black-throated Blue Warbler
EA: 1 May (male), Lincoln Park, Chi (JE, MSh); 5 May (male), Urbana (RC). MC: 5, JP, 11 May (PC, GD); 2 (females), GrantP, 25 May (DFS). LD: 28 May (female), GrantP (TS); 23 May (male), JP (PC); 22 May (female), Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (EW). Low numbers at most sites, and no data from so. IL.

Yellow-rumped Warbler
EA: **28 Feb** (4), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS); **1 Mar** (2), Pomona (KM); 31 Mar, JP (SF); 3 Apr, Urbana (RC). MC: 94, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 90, Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 57, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL). LD: 29 May (2), JP (KC); 12 May, Madison Co (FH). A weak migration. The boldfaced arrival dates—if applying to true migrants—are among the earliest on record.

Black-throated Green Warbler
EA: **8 Apr**, **Urbana** (ER); 9 Apr, Pomona (KM); 21 Apr (male), Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS). MC: 20, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 10, JP, 6 May (PC); 9, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 8, Carroll Co, 11 May (KJM, VK). LD: 3 Jun (female), JP (PC); 29 May - end of period, Bell Smith Springs (**Pope Co**) (MLR); 23 May, Urbana (RC); 10 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM).

Blackburnian Warbler
EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 1 May (2 males), JP (PC, m.ob.); 2 May (male), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 2 May, Homer L (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 20, Urbana, 15 May (RC, GL, EC); 12, Carroll Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 6, WlkRen Marsh, 13 May (DJS); 4, Palos, 20 May (DFS). LD: 3 Jun (female), Palos (DFS); 23 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May, Carl.L (DK). Low numbers at most sites.

Yellow-throated Warbler
EA: 28 Mar, Pomona (KM); 14 Apr, Kickapoo SP and Danville (Vermilion Co) (RC); 17 Apr, I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). MC: 11, Pomona, 9 Apr (KM); 3, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 19 May (KJM, BP); 2, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DW). LD: 10 May, Montrose (DW). Others: 2 (territory?), Du Pont Road (western **Grundy Co**), **31 May** (C&JMc)

Pine Warbler
EA: 1 Mar (4), Pomona (KM)—wintering?; 3 Apr, CrabOr (DK); 9 Apr, Urbana (AR); 22 Apr (male), JP (PC, KC). MC: 4, Pomona, 1 Mar and 7 Apr (KM); 2, JP, four dates 23 Apr - 2 May (PC et al.). LD: 22 May, CBG (AA); 8 May, Carl.L (DK); 3 May, Urbana (RC).

Prairie Warbler
EA: **7 Apr**, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM)—second earliest IL arrival; 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, LShel (RC); 6 May (male), JP (PC). MC: 5, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM). LD: 8 May (female), JP (FKB, *RDM, PC); 5 May, Urbana (RC). More reports than usual from central and no. IL.

Palm Warbler
EA: **4 Apr**, **Montrose** (AFS); **6 Apr**, **GrantP** (DFS)—both record early arrivals outside so. IL, and among earliest for state; 7 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 10 Apr, Urbana (RC); 22 Apr (3), JP (PC, KC); 28 Apr (8), Boone Co (AB). MC: 123, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 70, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS); 64, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 29, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 27, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 21, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 20 May, JP (PC). A healthy passage.

Bay-breasted Warbler
EA: 30 Apr, Pomona (KM); 2 May, Shab.L (DJS); 3 May (4), JP (KEH, SF); 4 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 9, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 8, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 6, WlkRen Marsh, 12 May (DJS); 6, Carroll Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 5, JP, 12 May (PC, DA). LD: 3 Jun (male), Evanston (EW); 16 May, Carl.L (DK). Among the poorest warbler passages of the season.

Blackpoll Warbler
EA: 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 24 Apr, Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 28 Apr, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 3 May (male), JP (PC); 4 May (15), Urbana (RC). MC: 50+, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 15 May (RC, EC, GL); 50+, Urbana, 15 May (RC, GL, EC); 24, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 16, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL). LD: 4 Jun, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 1 Jun, Pine Hills (Union Co) (MLR); 30 May, Urbana (RC).

Cerulean Warbler
EA: 26 Apr (11), Pomona (KM); 2 May (2), Homer L (Champaign Co) (RC); 4 May (2 males), JP (KEH, PC); 6 May (male), Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). MC: 11, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 16 May (female), Montrose (AA, m.ob.); 15 May, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (RC, GL, EC). Good numbers at central and no. sites.

Black-and-white Warbler
EA: 5 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM); 8 Apr (male), JP (*PC)—record early for site; 18 Apr, Urbana (EC, m.ob.); 19 Apr, Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos (DFS). MC: 21, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 10, WlkRen Marsh, 13 May (DJS); 4, Pomona, 30 Apr (KM). LD: 26 May (female), JP (PC); 16 May, Carl.L (DK).

American Redstart
EA: 26 Apr (8), Pomona (KM); 1 May, Carl.L (DK); 3 May, Rockford (DW); 3 May (male), JP (PC, KEH); 3 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 84, LCal, 19 May (DFS); 25, JP, 16 May (PC); 18, LCal. **2 Jun** (DFS)—high number for so late in season; 13, Pomona, 30 Apr (KM). LD: 5 Jun (2), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS); 29 May, Urbana (RC). Good numbers.

Prothonotary Warbler
EA: **7 Apr**, Union Co (KM); 23 Apr (3), Urbana (BH); 2 May (male), JP (JE); 8 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: 27, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM); 4, Carroll & Mercer Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK). LD: 19 May, GrantP (DFS); 11 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 11 May (male), JP (PC); 5 May, Urbana (RC et al.). One of several so. species that were unusually well represented north of their usual ranges.

Worm-eating Warbler
EA: **11 Apr**, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM)—second earliest IL arrival date; 26 Apr, Urbana (RC); 6 May (2), JP (PC, KC); 6 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). MC: 10, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 8, Fults Hill Prairie (Monroe Co), 2 May (DK); 3, Little Wabash R (no. Effingham Co), 8 May (MAH). LD: 22 May, Ryerson CA, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (JPo); 20 May, Palos (DFS); 4 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May, Carl.L (DK, MS). Remarkably widely reported as ones and twos from no. sites.

Ovenbird
EA: 22 Apr, GrantP (TS); 22 Apr, JP (PC, RDM); 26 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 28 Apr (4), Urbana (RC). MC: 20, JP, 8 May (PC et al.); 20, GrantP, 17 May (DFS), 4, Carl.L, 8 May (DK). LD: 2 Jun, JP (PC, KC); 27 May, Catlin Park (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 10 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM). A weak passage. See also **Corrigenda** below.

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 22 Apr, Urbana (RC); 24 Apr, JP (RDM); 24 Apr (2), LCal (WM); 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM). MC: 24, Busey Woods, Urbana, 28 Apr (RC); 24, JP, 8 May (PC, FKB); 15, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 12, Carl.L, 8 May (DK). LD: 29 May, JP (CH, KC); 24 May, Urbana (RC); 13 May, HL (FH).

Louisiana Waterthrush
EA: 28 Mar (2), Pomona (KM); 28 Mar, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (RSM); **31 Mar**, Eggers Woods, **LCal** (DFS); 3 Apr, Apple R Canyon (Jo Daviess Co) (DW); 3 Apr, Urbana (RC). MC: 11, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 3, Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos, 19 Apr (DFS); 2, MsPal, 11 May (KJM, VK). LD: 30 May (breeding?), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 20 May (2), Ryerson CA, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (SH); 5 May, Urbana (RC).

Kentucky Warbler
EA: 17 Apr, Pomona (KM); 2 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 6-8 May, Evanston (EW, m.ob.). MC: 14, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 5, Urbana, 5 May (RC); 4, Fults Hill Prairie (Monroe Co), 2 May (DK); 3 (males), LShel, 1 May (RC). LD: 16-27 May, Rockford (DW); 16 May, WlkRen Marsh (DW). Notably well represented at central and no. sites.

Connecticut Warbler
EA: 11 May, Urbana (RC); 13 May, WlkRen Marsh (DJS); 13 May, Evanston (EW); 14 May, HL (FH). MC: 2, GrantP, 17-18 May (DFS); 2, JP, 27 May (PC, KC). LD: 2 Jun, Calumet Park, LCal (DFS); 22 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (KM, MS, DK).

Mourning Warbler
EA: 5 May, Urbana (RC); 8 May, Evanston (EW, JE, MSh); 8 May (2 males), JP (FKB, PC); 8 May, so. Clinton Co (KM, MS, RH, VL). MC: 12, GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 5 (males), JP, 16 May (PC et al.); 3, Urbana, 23 May (RC). LD: 6 Jun (male), JP (PC); 30 May (2), Urbana (RC).

Common Yellowthroat
EA: **9 Apr**, Pomona (KM)—second earliest IL arrival date; 13 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 27 Apr (male), JP (PC). MC: **109**, GrantP, 17 May (DFS)—largest non-SBC passage on record for IL; 44, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 48, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM); 32, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS). Excellent numbers.

Hooded Warbler
EA: **5 Apr**, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KM)—earliest IL arrival since 1950; 23 Apr (female), Urbana (RC); 26 Apr (male), GrantP (DFS). MC: 4, Pomona and Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 26 Apr (KM); 4 (males), Urbana, 5 May (RC); 4, JP, 8 May (PC, RDM). LD: 3 Jun (male), Evanston (EW); 28 May (male), GrantP (TS). This was the most conspicuous of several so. warblers that displayed strong passages at central and no. sites, with perhaps three to five times the usual number of records for many areas.

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 1 May, JP (fide PC); 3 May, M.View (MLR); 8 May, Carl.L (DK). MC: 34, LCal, 19 May (DFS); 12, Urbana, 15 May (RC, GL, EC); 10, JP, 26 May (PC); 7, Carl.L, 15 May (DK). LD: 3 Jun, Evanston (EW); 2 Jun (5), LCal (DFS); 30 May, Urbana (RC). A good season.

Canada Warbler
EA: 3 May (male), Wilmette (JE); 3 May, Urbana (EC). MC: 7, LCal, 19 May (DFS); 5, JP, 17 May (PC); 4, WlkRen Marsh, 16 May (DW). LD: 28 May, Urbana (RC); 15 May, Carl.L (DK)—the only report from so. IL. A weak passage.

Yellow-breasted Chat
EA: 26 Apr (4), Pomona (KM); 1 May, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 3 May, JP (KEH). MC: 12, Green R CA (Lee Co), 28 May (JH); 5, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 4, Pomona, 26 Apr and 30 Apr (KM); 4, Carl.L, 15 May (DK). LD: 26 May, JP (PC); 19 May, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS). Unimpressive over much of state, but surprisingly evident in no. IL.

Summer Tanager
EA: 23 Apr (2 males), La Rue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co) (C&JMc); 29 Apr (2 imm. males), Chau (R&SBj); 4 May (female), Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS); 6 May (imm. male), McHenry Dam area (McHenry Co) (CF). MC: 9, Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 6, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 3 (2 males, 1 female), Palos, 7 May (DFS). LD: 24 May (male), Fullersberg Nature Center (Du Page Co) (DFS); 22 May, CBG (AA); 19 May (male), Wolf L, LCal (DFS); 15 May, Urbana (RC, GL, EC). Remarkably widespread in ne. IL, with multiple records of ones and twos from a huge number of sites.

Scarlet Tanager
EA: 18 Apr, Heron Pond (KM); 1 May, Carl.L (DK); 2 May (2), Urbana (RC); 3 May (2), Evanston (EW). MC: 9, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 7, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 6, Des Plaines R Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co), 10 May (SH). LD: 29 May (female), Urbana (RC); 29 May, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 20 May (female), JP (PC, KC).

Spotted Towhee
EA: 31 Mar, Urbana (RC). No other reports.

Eastern Towhee
EA: 1 Mar, CrabOr (KM); 14 Mar, Urbana (RC et al.); 3 Apr, Rockford (DW); 5 Apr (male), JP (KC). MC: 15, JP, 29 Apr (PC); 13, Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 13, Carl.L, 8 May (DK). LD: 18 May, GrantP (DFS). Some improvement over recent years in ne. IL.

American Tree Sparrow
EA: 11 Feb (10), JP (PC, KC). MC: 205, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc); 37, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS); 15, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 22 Mar (KM). LD: 30 Apr (2), DeerG East (CF); 3 Apr, north of Colfax (McLean Co) (MLR); 28 Mar, Pulaski Co (KM).

Chipping Sparrow
EA: 21 Mar, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (RSM); 28 Mar, Urbana (RC); 3 Apr, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 9 Apr, JP (PC, KC). MC: **101** (including many breeders), eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 35, GrantP, 14 May (DFS); 27, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 15 May (KJM, BP); 21, Jackson Co, 7 Apr (KM). LD: 21 May, JP (PC).

Clay-colored Sparrow
EA: 26 Apr, JP (KC); 1 May, LShel (RC); 1 May, Carl.L (DK). MC: **9**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 6, Evanston/Wilmette, 8 May (JE, EW, MSh). LD: 21 May, GrantP (DFS); 20 May, Bloomington-Normal (McLean Co) (RC, MD); 8 May (2), Carl.L (DK, m.ob.). Very well reported statewide, with several records from many sites.

Field Sparrow
EA: 7 Feb (2), Carl.L (Co?) (KM)—record early IL arrival if true migrants; 27 Mar, Carl.L (DK); 28 Mar, JP (AFS, RE); 30 Mar (20), Urbana (RC); 3 Apr, Rockford (DW). MC: 34, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM); 31, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 26, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS). LD: 4 Jun, JP (JR).

Vesper Sparrow
EA: 27 Mar, Carl.L (Co?) (KM); 28 Mar, Tuscola (Douglas Co) (RC); 31 Mar (3), JP (PC); 31 Mar, Powder Horn L, LCal (DFS). MC: 12 (singing males in one field), Bismarck (Vermilion Co), 14 Apr (RC); 5, Kendall Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 5, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP); 5, Sugar R Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 22 May (DW). LD: 13 Apr, JP (PC).

Lark Sparrow
EA: 26 Apr (4), McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co) (DJS); 23 Apr (2), Chau (R&SBj); 30 Apr, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 5, Rock Island Co, 11 May (KJM, VK); 4, McCune Sand Prairie, as above. LD: 22 May (2), Sugar R Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 12 May, Chi (JL); 6 May, Akin (Franklin Co) (LS).

Savannah Sparrow
EA: 4 Mar, so. Clinton Co (KM); 28 Mar (2), JP (AFS, RE); 3 Apr, north of Colfax (McLean Co) (MLR); 3 Apr, Penfield (Champaign Co) (RC). MC:40+, so. Franklin Co and no. Williamson Co, 25 Apr (LS); 31, Monroe Co, 28 Apr (KM); 25, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 18, Evanston, 3 May (EW). LD: 29 May, JP (PC); 8 May (10), Carl.L (DK).

Grasshopper Sparrow
EA: 17 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 28 Apr, GrantP (JMS, DFS, m.ob.); 29 Apr (2), Chau (R&SBj); 2 May (2), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: 16, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 31 May (DW); 12, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP); 11, Pr.Rdg, 5 May (JW, EK); 10, Winnebago Co, 22 May (DW). LD: 18 May, GrantP (TS).

Henslow's Sparrow
EA: 7 Apr (4), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 10 Apr, Perdueville CA (Ford Co) (RC); 2 May (2 singing males), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (RC); 6 May, se. Winnebago Co (DW); 8 May, Grant FP (Lake Co) (JM, AFS). MC: **42**, Pr.Rdg, 26 Apr (JW, EK)—record IL spring high count; 8, Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co), 30 May (CT); 3, Plum Creek FP (Cook Co), 25 May (GW).

Le Conte's Sparrow
EA: 1 Mar, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KM)—record early arrival by two days, if true migrant; 1 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 12 Apr (JW, EK). LD: 16 May, JP (REF); 26 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 25 Apr, Arcola (RC).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
EA: 15 May, IBSP (SH);. LD: 30 May, Chi (JL); 28 May, JP (PC, KC); 31 May (2), Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC). Almost no reports.

Fox Sparrow
EA: **15 Feb**, Normal (McLean Co) (MLR); 15 Mar (2), HL (KM); 17 Mar (4), JP (PC, KC); 23 Mar, Saw Wee Kee Park, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DJS). MC: 100, Urbana, 28 Mar (RC); 39, JP, 8 Apr (PC, KC); 13, Eggers Woods, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 6, UCCA, 28 Mar (KM). LD: 7 May, Evanston (EW); 1 Apr, Pomona (KM). A weak migration.

Song Sparrow
EA: **10 Feb** (7), Chi (JL); **10 Feb**, JP (PC)—record early arrivals for no. IL. MC: 90, JP, 1 Apr (KC); 75, GrantP, 28 Mar (DFS); 54, Monroe Co, 28 Apr (KM). LD: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Lincoln's Sparrow
EA: **4 Apr**, Urbana (RC); 9 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 26 Apr, GrantP (DFS). MC: **55**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 29, GrantP, 6 May (DFS); 22, JP, 12 May (PC); 10, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 4, Urbana, 11 May (RC). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 7 May, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM). Good numbers in ne. IL, but few data from rest of state. See also **Corrigenda** below.

Swamp Sparrow
EA: **16 Feb**, JP (PC)—earliest presumed migrant reported for IL. MC: 110, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 75, west of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DW); 43, JP, 22 Apr (PC); 30, CypCrk, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 25 May, JP (PC); 25 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May (2), Carl.L (DK).

White-throated Sparrow
EA: 8 Apr, JP (PC); 18 Apr, Rockford (DW). MC: 120, JP, 3-4 May (PC); 65, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 50, southwest Franklin Co, 29 Apr (LS); 46, Massac Co, 18 Apr (KM); 30, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 23 Apr (KJM). LD: 5 Jun, JP (PC); 3 Jun, Urbana (GL). Absurdly low populations throughout migration! DFS cited total numbers at only about 15% of normal.

Harris's Sparrow
EA: 3 May, Boone Co (*AB). LD: 10 May, Boone Co (*AB). Others: 28 Mar, Marion Co (KM)—present since preceding week (fide KM); one additional at Boone Co in period 3-10 May (*AB).

White-crowned Sparrow
EA: 24 Apr (2), LCal (WM); 28 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 3 May (13), Boone Co (AB). MC: **1350**, GrantP, 6 May (DFS)—**unprecedented single-party high count for state**; 350, GrantP, 12 May (DFS); 229, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh)—record high count for site; 63, Rockford Airport (Winnebago Co), 8 May (RM); 47, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 6 May (C&JMc); 16, Union Co, 1 Apr (KM). LD: **18 Jun** (male), Evanston (EW); **8 Jun**, Urbana (RC)—record late date for central IL; 18 May, Madison Co (KM). The remarkable concentration on 6 May was apparently rather localized, as numbers reported from other L Michigan sites were unimpressive.

Dark-eyed Junco
EA: 11 Feb (3), JP (KC, PC)—record early migrant date for site. MC: 147, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 92, JP, 8 Apr (PC, KC); 20, Pomona, 1 Mar (KM). LD: 10 May, JP (PC); 9 May, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 24 Apr, Golconda War Bluff (Pope Co) (DW).

Lapland Longspur
MC: **1500-2000**, Towanda (McLean Co), 18 Apr (MLR); 130, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 50, Vermilion Co, 6 Apr (JOS); 40, north of Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 6 May (JOS). LD: **11 May** (11), Vermilion Co (JOS)—record late date for central IL, and third latest for state overall.

Smith's Longspur
EA: 17 Mar, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 20 Mar (10), Clin.L (MD); 20 Mar, Arcola (RC). MC: "**1000s**," Pr.Rdg, 16 Apr (JW, EK)—note previous IL high count is 517; **300-400**, Towanda (McLean Co), 18 Apr (MLR); "100s," Pr.Rdg, 23 Mar (JW); 120+, Arcola, 25 Apr (RC). LD: **8 May**, near Towanda (McLean Co) (MLR et al.)—record IL late date by one day; 1 May, Arcola (RC); 28 Apr (20), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK).

Snow Bunting
MC: 56, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc). LD: 4 Apr (5), La Salle L (C&JMc). No other data.

Northern Cardinal
MC: 84, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 75, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 65, Fox R valley (Kendall Co), 3 Apr (DFS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
EA: 23 Apr (2 males), Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 23 Apr (2), Urbana (RC); 24 Apr (2), Mermet L (KM, IOS); 28 Apr, Snyder Grove Park near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 30 Apr (male), DeerG East (CF). MC: 33, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 30, Urbana, 5 May (RC); 22, JP, 8 May (SC et al.); 18, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 25 May, Urbana (RC).

Blue Grosbeak
EA: 23 Apr (male), UCCA (C&JMc); 25 Apr, southwest Fayette Co (RC); 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 28 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW); 26 May (1st spring male and female **with nesting material**), Klehm Arboretum, **Rockford** (RM); 30 May (2), Kankakee Co (two sites) (GW). Late arrivals and poor spring at expected sites (KM, LS). No counts higher than two reported.

Indigo Bunting
EA: 24 Apr (6), Mermet L (KM, IOS); 25 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 27 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May (12), Boone Co (AB); 3 May (2), JP (PC). MC: 52, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 49, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 48, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 34, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 12, UCCA, 23 Apr (C&JMc). LD: 5 Jun, Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

PAINTED BUNTING
LD: 19-22 May (male), Bloomington (*AL, *SSS, *RC, *DJ, *MLR, KM, DK, CMA)—**third IL record**.

See article and photo in this issue.

Dickcissel
EA: 26 Apr (2), Union Co (KM); 29 Apr (6), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 8 May (5), near Saybrook (McLean Co) (MLR); 8 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: **200** (breeding population), Pr.Rdg, 27 May (JW, EK)—**record spring high count for IL**; 20, Pulaski Co, 30 May (KM, IOS); 20, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 9, no. Kendall Co, 23 May (DFS); 6, Rock Island Co, 11 May (KJM, VK); 5, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co), 14 May (DJS). LD: 5 Jun (male), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

Bobolink
EA: 24 Apr, Johnson Co (KM, IOS); 26 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 6 May (2 males), DeerG East (CF). MC: 114, Monroe Co, 8 May (JS et al.); 50, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 30, Union Co, 30 Apr (KM); 28, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (JW, EK); 26, Barrington Hill (Cook Co), 8 May (AA). LD: 1 Jun, JP (PC).

Red-winged Blackbird
EA: **10 Jan** (170), HL (KM)—record early date assigned to spring migrants for state; **30 Jan** (9 males), **LCal** (JL)—record early date assigned to spring migrants in no. IL. MC: 10,000, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 3500, IL R valley (La Salle Co), 26 Feb (DFS); 1185, Evanston, 17 Mar (EW); 600, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP).

Eastern Meadowlark
EA: 17 Mar (4), JP (PC, KC); 19 Mar, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: **300** (breeding population), Pr.Rdg, 7 Apr (JW, EK)—record single-party spring high count; 59, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM); 35, Fermilab, Batavia (Du Page Co), 4 Apr (DFS); 32, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 18, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 15 May, Lincoln Park, Chi (MLR, EW, JE).

Western Meadowlark
EA: 13 Mar, Bellflower (McLean Co) (RC). MC: 2, Rock Island Co, 15 & 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: **15 May**, Lincoln Park, Chi (EW, MLR, JE)—among latest available migrant dates for IL; 13-14 Apr, Pr.Rdg *JW, EK); 10 Apr, Colfax (McLean Co) (MLR).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
EA: 10 Apr (male), LCal (WM); 23 Apr (male), JP (KC, PC); 29 Apr (male), Boone Co (AB). MC: 9, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 11 & 15 May (KJM, VK, BP); 6, LCal, 1 May (AA, WM et al.). LD: 15 May, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW).

Rusty Blackbird
EA: **10 Feb** (2), **Chi** (JL)—second earliest spring arrival date for no. IL; 27 Feb (5), L Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 8 Mar (7), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DW). MC: **500**, Urbana, 28 Feb (RC); **500**, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 250, UCCA, 1 Mar (KM); 100+, Lockport Prairie (Will Co), 23 Mar (CMA); 36, JP, 9 Apr (PC). LD: 6 May, Des Plaines R Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co) (SH); 14 Apr (10), Grassy L (Union Co) (KM).

Brewer's Blackbird
EA: 1 Mar (20), Pulaski Co (KM); 20 Mar, Humboldt (Coles Co) (RC); 28 Mar (pr), McLean Co (MLR); 9 Apr (female), JP (PC). MC: **500**, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK)—**unprecedented IL high count**; 45, Pulaski Co, 28 Mar (KM). LD: 1 Apr (2), Pulaski Co (KM). Note that the 14,000+ blackbirds tallied at Carl.L on 27 Mar were foraging in farm fields and showed little mixing of species within the flocks (DK). Record-breaking concentrations of Brewer's Blackbirds in so.-central counties beginning 1996 have significantly altered this species' status within IL.

Common Grackle
EA: 18 Feb, Buffalo Grove (Lake Co) (DJ). MC: **24,500**, IL R valley (La Salle Co), 26 Feb (DFS)—record high count for no. IL; 10,000, Urbana, 21 Feb (RC); 3000, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 400, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 350, Evanston, 17 Mar (EW).

Brown-headed Cowbird
EA: 10 Feb (7), Chi (JL). MC: 5,000, La Salle Co, 14 Feb (DJS); 400, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 102, JP, 31 Mar (PC); 60, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP).

Orchard Oriole
EA: 23 Apr (3), UCCA (C&JMc); 3 May (1st year male), Evanston (EW); 8 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 7, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM); 7, American Bottoms (Monroe Co), 30 May (DK); 5, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 5, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 5, Hennepin Canal Feeder (Whiteside Co), 14 May (DJS); 4, GrantP, 13 May (DFS, TS); 4, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 30 May (DFS). LD: 19 May (1st year male), Wolf L, LCal (DFS).

Baltimore Oriole
EA: **14 Apr**, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 26 Apr (male), JP (PC); 3 May (2), Rockford (DW). MC: 34, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 33, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 24, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 15 May (KJM, BP); 20, Urbana, 5 May (RC); 17, Hennepin Canal Feeder (Whiteside Co), 14 May (DJS); 13, Monroe Co, 28 Apr (KM). LD: 9 Jun (3), Evanston (EW); 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Purple Finch
EA: 30 Mar (3 ø-plumaged), Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 4 Apr (2), Spfld (KM). LD: 27- 28 Apr (female), Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 19-20 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 13 Apr, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 9 Apr, Pomona (KM). Almost no reports; several observers commented on complete absence of data.

House Finch
EA: 31 Mar (10), JP (PC). MC: 31, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 13, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP).

Red Crossbill
One report: 13 Mar (6), IBSP (south unit) (AFS).

Pine Siskin
EA: 12 Apr, Rockford (DW). LD: 26 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS). Only two singles reported statewide.

American Goldfinch
MC: **500**, Pr.Rdg, 24 Mar (JW)—largest non-SBC spring count for IL; **300+**, Arcola, 9 May (MD); 157, Evanston/Wilmette, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 145, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 100, Massac Co, 25 Apr (DFS); 81, LCal, 19 May (DFS); 60, Mermet L, 18 Apr (KM).

House Sparrow
MC: 350, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 295, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 165, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh); 150, Carl.L, 8 May (DK).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 15, Mercer Co, 11 May (KJM, VK); 8, Montgomery Co, 23 Apr (DFS); 7, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 8 Apr (KM); 2, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 30 Apr (SH).

EXOTICS

Trumpeter Swan
MC: 2, 15-19 May, no. Carroll Co (KJM, BP).

RECORD PENDING IORC REVIEW:

WHITE-FACED IBIS: 22 Apr, CypCrk.

CORRIGENDA to the 1998 Spring Report

1. Following four species seen at Grant Park on 10 Jun 1998 (DFS) supercede late dates previously published for 1998: Swainson's Thrush, Magnolia Warbler (female), Ovenbird (male), Lincoln's Sparrow.

2.. Correct date for Thayer's Gull at De Kalb Co should be 22 Mar (not 22 May); the record qualifies as a significant inland record, but not as a late date.

3. Short-eared Owl datum from Carl.L is an editor's error and should be deleted.

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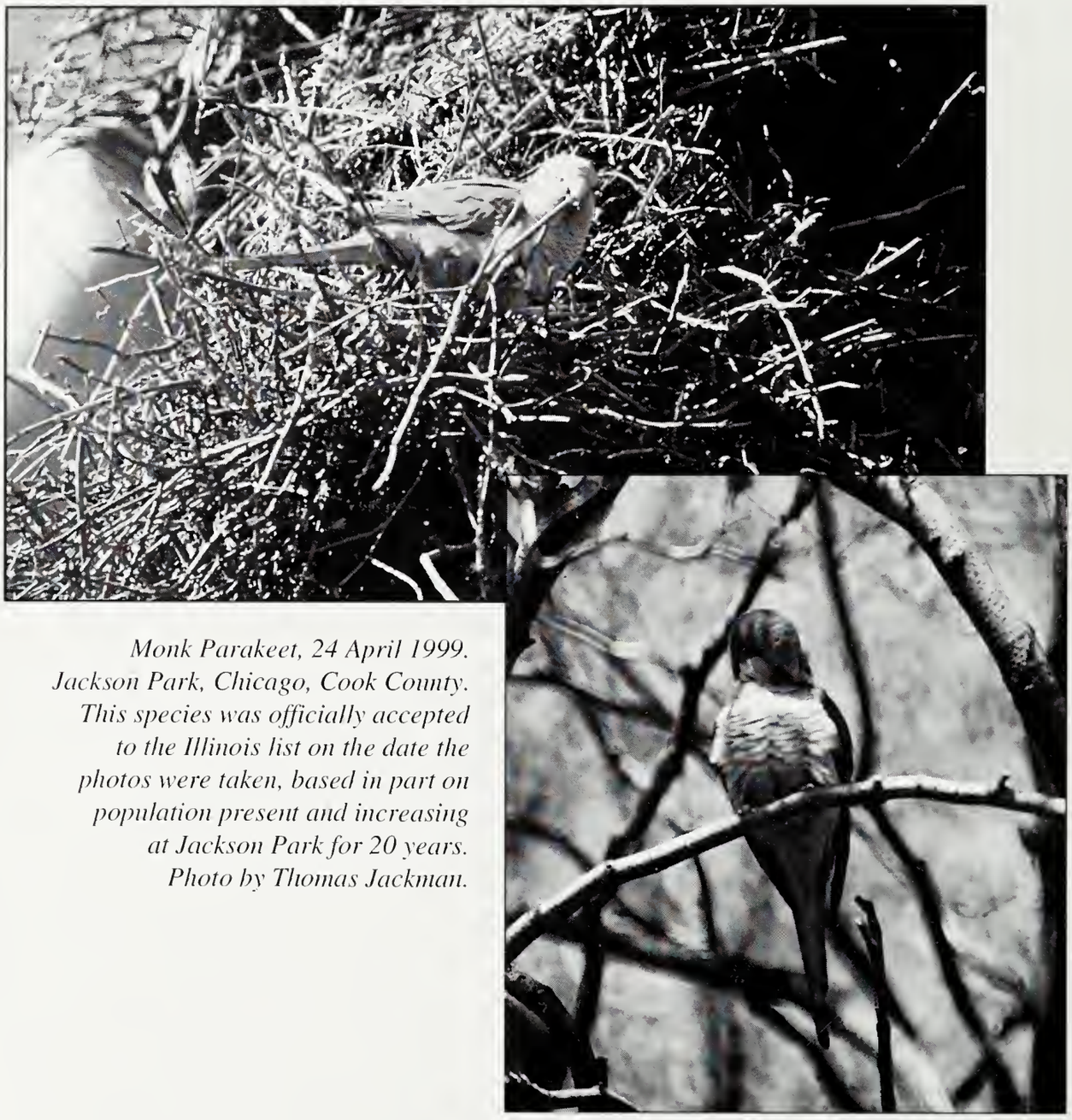

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